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Furious Aerial Onslaught Marks Attack on Keren

Fighting Rages Without Remission For Over Two Days in Desert Heat

London, Mar. 22.

A TERRIFIC aerial attack on Keren reported in the latest Middle East R.A.F. communique is only one phase of the relentless onslaught by British and Imperial troops on this Italian stronghold.

According to reports from correspondents on the scene, hard fighting without remission in fierce heat has now lasted two and a half days. The Italians are frequently counter-attacking against positions captured by the British last week-end. Every arm of offence and defence has been used on both sides—heavy artillery actions, heavy bombing with strong British air formations, and infantry fighting with grenades and bayonets.

The Battle for Keren continues under a blistering sun with attacks and counter-attacks. The Italians are helped by the mountainous nature of the country, and are putting up the most stubborn resistance yet encountered by the British forces in Africa. The Italian positions are being heavily and consistently bombed by the R.A.F.

Further south, the troops which drove north from Mogadiscio to Jijiga and occupied Hargeisa in British Somaliland are now taking steps to join up with the forces coming southward from Berbera.

When these two columns meet it will be possible for the troops in the Jijiga area to be supplied from Berbera instead of from Mogadiscio, which is four times the distance away. What is more, the Italians in north-eastern somaliland will be cut off from the rest of Africa.

The Italians employed trench mortars, two of which with officers and and crews have been captured. Scottish troops are fighting "like wild cats." The Scots pressed forward from a fort strongly held by the British toward Keren and met one of the fiercest counter-attacks of Alpini whom they beat back in a hand-to-hand engagement. A Highland regiment pressed up a slope to within two miles of the east fort road outside Keren. On the right flank Italian troops took both sides of the fort road.

Transport and supply arrangements are working well and mule trains apparently have solved the problem of perpetual motion. Water supplies are being maintained. Prisoners are continually being brought into British Headquarters.

According to a communique issued by British headquarters at Cairo, Italian forces at Keren, Eritrea, again attempted a counterattack, but they were unsuccessful and suffered serious casualties. They also left a number of casualties in British hands.

Operations at Keren, it adds, continue to develop slowly but satisfactorily.

The communique also records that in central and southern Abyssinia British forces are maintaining pressure on the retreating Italians in all areas.—Reuter.

Giarabub Captured

Cairo, Mar. 22.

The capture of Giarabub, about 150 miles south of Tobruk and some 40 miles inside Libya across the Egyptian frontier, was announced late last night by British General Headquarters.

The Italian garrison commander and about 900 prisoners were taken.

With the capture of Giarabub, a relatively important pocket of resistance in Libya has been cleared.

While important operations were continuing in Cyrenaica, states the communique, "it was decided not to attack Giarabub, but to leave it under observation only by light reconnaissance troops. Within the last few days an opportunity arose finally to clear the situation. A detachment of British and Australian troops was detailed for the task.

"After a short operation starting yesterday, the Italian garrison of Giarabub capitulated in the afternoon. The Italian garrison commander and about 800 prisoners were taken."

During the siege, special care was taken by the Imperial troops to avoid damaging a relic sacred to the Senussi sect, whose founder is buried there. —Reuter.

Somalis Said Revolting

London, Mar. 22.

Military circles here yesterday said that Somali natives in northern Somaliland were in open revolt against the [Reuter

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Plymouth Again Bombed by Nazis

Raid Reported to Have Exceeded Last Attack In Intensity

Plymouth, Mar. 22.

The German air force again last night dropped high explosive and incendiary bombs on this town, which was attempting to dig out from an unprecedented raid on Thursday night.

Last night's raid, which was continuing this morning, was the worst yet. More raiders were participating. They came in swarms for hours.

Business buildings as well as houses were wrecked over wide areas of the town. Damage was terrific and there was no way of estimating casualties immediately.—United Press.

Lorient Attacked Again

London, Mar. 22.

For the third night in succession, Germany's Atlantic port at Lorient on the west coast of France was attacked by R.A.F. bombers last night, it is stated. This was the 49th raid on Lorient since the Armistice.

It is understood that some of Britain's latest types of super-bombers were among the aircraft which participated in the raid, which was on an intensive scale. Heavy bombs were dropped, and although full reports are not yet available, the raid is believed to have been successful.

The attack lasted several hours. Although it was cloudy, many bombs were aimed through gaps in the clouds and were seen to burst in various parts of the harbour, on the west dock west of it, and of the west bank of the river, where two violent explosions were observed.

Other aircraft of the same command attacked docks at Ostend from these operations two of our aircraft are missing. In the course of operations, aircraft of the bomber command bombed warships off the Belgian coast. Other aircraft also attacked enemy warships and supply vessels off the Frisian islands and in the Heligoland bight.

Aircraft of the coastal command were also engaged in the usual operations against the enemy. In the course of these operations supply ships were attacked off the Norwegian coast. A jetty at Egersund was bombed and coastal motor boats and an aerodrome building in Norway were machine-gunned.—Reuter.

Mr. Menzies Safe

London, Mar. 22.

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, continuing his tour of the provinces, arrived at Plymouth from Bristol shortly after last night's attack began and spent the night at the home of Lady Astor. It was learned this morning that he was safe.

The raid lasted some hours, and business premises suffered heavily. One eye-witness said that some explosives were of a particularly heavy calibre. A hotel was burned out, and a short distance away shops became "a blazing inferno."

A member of the voluntary mobile police said that the raid was "a terrifying ordeal," but that everyone worked splendidly, and the fires were speedily under control. A number of firemen and policemen were injured.

Among the well-known buildings damaged in the raid on British ports were the Liverpool University and Stadium, and Kelvin Hall, Glasgow. —Reuter.

U.S. Aerial Might Aided By Bill

Passage by Houses Brings Plans Step Nearer

Washington, Mar. 22.

Plans for the creation of a powerful air force and a U.S. Army of 4,000,000 men today advanced one step nearer after the House of Representatives late yesterday passed without a dissenting vote and sent to the Senate the U.S. $4,073.000,000 fifth supplemental defence bill.

The Army's plans were given a great fillip, for the bill's biggest item is U.S. $1,000,000,000 for the immediate construction of 3,600 Army bombers, including 1,200 heavy, four-engined craft. This item also provides vital equipment for an eventual army of 4,000,000 men.

There were some bitter criticism during the debate regarding the huge sums to be spent on defence.

Mr. Clifton Woodrum, Democrat of Virginia, said that the cost of national defence since the emergency period began totalled over U.S.$25,-000,000,000, excluding the U.S. $7,000,-000,000 for British aid voted for by the House.

The vote was 327 to 0 in favour of passage and was taken after four hours perfunctory debate, the greatest disturbance in which was a warning from Representative Hamilton Fish, Republican of New York.

"If the present excessive United States spending programme continues," Mr. Fish said, "our entire economic and financial structure may collapse and be replaced by a new order of national socialism."

Mr. Fish predicted that by June 30 "our total expenditures under the 'Lend-Lease' Bill for aid to Britain and for national defence will exceed U.S. $40,000,000,000."

More Taxes Predicted

Mr. Fish also forecast that "another tax bill within the next few months will be passed for the purpose of raising between U.S. $2,000,-000,000 and U.S. $3,000,000,000 additional revenue. American business men large and small will be paralyzed by these added corporation and income taxes," he said.

The House Appropriations committee approved the bill and it immediately went to the floor for debate.

The bill contains funds to procure critically needed equipment for an army of 2,800,000 men.

A Senate appropriations sub-committee unanimously approved without change the U.S. $7,000,000,000 appropriations measure to facilitate aid to Britain under the lend-lease bill. The measure already has been passed by the House and early Senate passage was predicted by Administration leaders.

Secret Evidence Published

General George C. Marshall, Chief of the Army General Staff, stated on March 5 to the committee in secret testimony which was published yesterday, that the United States late in February had received "more exact data" concerning the German Panzer divisions which participated in the 1940 break-through in France.

General Marshall said the U.S. Army plans to build eight such divisions and that it now has two such divisions. The current bill provides funds for two more, and also funds to expedite plane production to reach maximum production by October. General Marshall's testimony revealed that aircraft production costs have increased 20 per cent and also that the Army plans to spend U.S. $188,000,000 on new Atlantic air bases acquired from Britain.

The bill provides funds for 4,750 more Army warplanes, mostly bombers, including 3,600 to be assembled at four mid-west plants.

General Marshall testified that materials included in the bill were destined for the United States Army and not for Britain and said the bill contains funds for purchase of equipment to establish an aerial observation squadron in Alaska.

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Crawford testified the bill contains U.S. $94,000,000 for Atlantic bases.—United Press.

American Sailors Feted in Sydney

Sydney, Mar. 22.

The sailors of the visiting United States naval squadron are again being feted here, with all personnel having free passes for the horse races, surf-bathing and motor-cycle racing. There is also a baseball game between a naval team and a local team.

Banking institutions here estimate that the American sailors have spent $50,000 during their stay in Sydney, which they leave tomorrow for Brisbane.—Reuter.

Officers Entertained

Sydney, Mar. 22.

The Governor-General, Lord Gowrie, entertained Rear-Admiral John Newton, commander of the seven-vessel U.S. naval squadron visiting Australia on a goodwill mission and officers of the warships at a private dinner last night on the eve of the squadron's departure for Brisbane.—United Press.

King Inspects Men of Merchant Navy

To the men shown in this picture falls the duty of bringing to Britain those essential supplies she needs to maintain her war effort. Recently the King paid a surprise visit to an unnamed port in England where he boarded merchant ships and inspected their crews. Not all of the men were Britons—those in the picture are Norwegians—for thousands of merchant sailors from countries that have been overrun by the Nazis have joined Britain in her fight to defeat Nazism.

Japanese Gendarmes Arrest Bank of China Employees

Quarters for Single Clerks in Jessfield Road Raided; Believed to Be a Retaliatory Step

BELIEVED to be an act of retaliation for terroristic activities directed at members of the Nanking-sponsored Central Reserve Bank, a mass arrest of more than 100 employees of the Bank of China was effected by Japanese gendarmes at about 12.30 a.m. yesterday when they raided the quarters for unmarried clerks of the Chungking bank and took them to their headquarters at 94 Jessfield Road.

These quarters, called the Tsung Hong Bih Nieh and housing approximately 190 bank employees, are situated at 96 Jessfield Road, opposite the corner of Jessfield and Kinnear Roads and next door to Japanese Military Police Headquarters. Last night, when all the employees were asleep, the Japanese entered the dormitory, finding more than 100 bank employees. The Chinese were told to get up and were hustled away to the Japanese headquarters. Some of them, it was reported, had been taken to 76 Jessfield Road, the local headquarters of Wang Ching-wei's political police.

The interesting point of this mass arrest was the fact that the bank employees had lived there for some time and at no time been threatened with arrest. Friday's assassination of Ler Tien-chuen of the Central Reserve Bank, however, saw, what appeared to be, a brutal revenge meted out on employees of Chungking banks. This started with the mass slaughter of clerks of the Farmers' Bank at their dormitory at 1412-10 Rue Lafayette at 12.30 yesterday when six men, pretending to be policemen, entered the premises and, without giving the employees any chance whatsoever, opened fire, killing five outright and wounding six others.

Their job done, the gunmen disappeared and a little later the victims were taken to Ste. Marie's Hospital, where yet another employee succumbed to his wounds. The six men were Van Zai-kan, Sih Yu-san, Chu Hwa-loong, Chang Zao-zung, Van Zing-kiang and Zih Sung. The last named died at 3 a.m. yesterday. The wounded men were Lee Ya-weng, wounded in the chest, Chang Zu-seng, in the leg, Zing Su-ming, suffering from three wounds in the body and Sung Yang-zao, sustaining minor injuries to his leg.

Although no motive had been given for the mass arrest of the bank employees, Chinese circles yesterday believed that the men had been taken to be held as hostages against any other terroristic activities directed agaist officials of the new regime.

According to reports, the bank employees were arrested shortly after two cars had stopped at the entrance to the lane in which the quarters were. Many Japanese and Chinese jumped out of the vehicles and rushed to the dormitory where they took the sleeping bank clerks.

French Utility Co. Strike Continues

No Negotiations Opened, States General Manager; Dispute at Millington's

The strike situation at the Compagnie Francaise de Tramways et l'Eclairage Electriques de Shanghai was unchanged yesterday, according to M. J. Favret, general manager of the company, who stated that no negotiations had been opened between the management and the striking employees of the concern.

The electric and water plants continued to be operated by the foreign staff, aided by Russian strike breakers, and no shortage of either service was being anticipated. Police guards, however, continued to be present at the depot, electric and water plants, and the general offices of the company. No incidents whatever have yet taken place.

The strike of the company has forced many French Concession residents to seek various means of transport, and those living in the vicinity of Avenue Foch have been but little inconvenienced. Others, however, are forced to pay high fares to rickshaws, who are reaping money at the expense of the unfortunates who are left with no other alternative than to walk.

The dispute entered its fourth day yesterday and the outlook was pessimistic as no end of it could be seen. Chinese reports stated that the workers had on several occasions approached the management for a revision of service conditions and that when these had not been reviewed, they struck.

The labour situation on the whole remained the same yesterday, with the dispute at the Millington's, Ltd. being still unsettled. An official of the company stated yesterday that about 150 employees struck on Friday, their demands being in the form of a higher rice allowance. Asked whether anyone had been mediating to bring the dispute to an end, the official answered in the negative and added that he could not say just when an agreement would be reached.

S.M.C. Election

Certain negotiations are understood to be under way with a view to coming to some arrangement whereby the necessity of holding an election along normal lines can be avoided.

It is not possible for the time being to publish the details or the character of these negotiations, which are believed to be still inconclusive. The reports concerning them which have appeared in several newspapers are understood to have no official authority whatever.

U.S. May Convoy British Supplies

Protection May Be Given "Probably Within Few Days," Says Report

Washington, Mar. 22.

That the United States shortly would be convoying United States war supplies to Britain across the Atlantic was the opinion expressed by naval sources here last night in private conversation.

"Probably within a few days," Reuter was informed by one source. —Reuter.

Shipping "Blitz" Seen

London, Mar. 22.

The German 26,000-ton battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau recently escaped into the Atlantic, it was learned in authoritative quarters in London. Mr. Winston Churchill, in a speech on Monday, revealed that two German raiding battlecruisers had been operating as far west as the 42nd meridian, roughly two-thirds of the distance from Britain to North America.

Information now available supports the view that they are the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau. The fact that Germany has been risking these vessels in the battle of the Atlantic shows that Hitler's Navy is going "all-out" in an Atlantic "shipping blitz," hoping to cut off Britain from American supplies.

Laid down in 1934 and completed in 1939 and 1938 respectively, the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau have a speed of 27 knots but this was exceeded at trials and it is believed their actual speed is over 29 knots. This however is considerably above economical cruising speed necessary to enable ships to remain at sea for a considerable stretch. It is possible that by working economically they are able to remain at sea for about three weeks without fresh fuel supplies.

The vessels are sister ships carrying nine 11-inch guns as their main armament. The Scharnhorst was badly damaged by the British battleship Renown off Norway last April and later torpedoed by the British submarine Clyde. She was bombed also at Kiel on one occasion by the R.A.F —Reuter.

Britain Must Use "Top" Vessels

London, Mar. 22.

Britain probably would be forced to use its finest battle-cruisers or the King George V type of battleship to foil the activities of the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, Nazi raiders operating in the American side of the Atlantic, authoritatvie sources believed today.

The two 26,000-ton German battle-cruisers were believed responsible for several sinkings of British vessels last week-end.

Because of their speed and powerful guns, naval quarters doubted whether it would be advisable to launch a drive against the raiders using anything smaller than a battleship or battle-cruiser. —United Press.

U.S. Army Supplies For 4,000,000 Ordered

Washington, Mar. 22.

United States Army requirements in the budget for factory capacity are sufficient to supply 4,000,000 men "on combat status."

A bill for an additional outlay for Army and Navy requirements totalling over $4,073,000,000 has been sent to the House of Representatives for action.—Reuter.

Japan-Axis Cooperation Being Focussed on U.S.

Berlin Journal Comments on Forthcoming Visit of Matsuoka; "Can't Fool Russia," Says Chungking

Berlin, Mar. 22.

THE magazine "Berlin-Rome-Tokyo," commenting editorially yesterday on the European trip of Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, said the Japan-Axis co-operation "which is being focussed on Washington has become increasingly effective, and it is more clearly visible that President Roosevelt finds it necessary to intervene in the European war in order to secure dominance of England."

Meanwhile, street decorations are being erected to welcome Mr. Matsuoko in Berlin and the Unterdenlinden has been decorated with flags and many loud speakers have been installed.

Mr. Matsuoka probably will review a parade in his honour.

Mr. Matsuoka, from the platform also will say that England and the United States underestimated the strength of the tripartite alliance, the magazine said. All Europe is recognizing that the Axis has unified Europe. said the magazine.—United Press.

"Cannot Fool Moscow"

Chungking, Mar. 22.

Forecasting Mr. Matsuoka's mission in Moscow, the influential Chinese daily "Ta Kung Pao" declared this morning: "Mr. Matsuoka will seek Soviet understanding and assurances in the event of Japan's move in the southern Pacific.

"He will also make use of the alleged internal dispute between the Kuomintang and the Communists in an attempt to induce Soviet Russia to cease assistance to China. He will also attempt to secure a Soviet compromise by posing as mediator in the European War.

"Nevertheless, we are confident that Soviet Russia will not watch Japan's conquest of China. The question of the dispute between the Kuomintang and the Communists is purely China's domestic issue, and General Chiang Kai-shek is fully capable of settling the issue amicably.

"It should not affect Soviet foreign policy towards China. Japan's mediation cannot be favourably received by Britain, while the common policy of Japan and Germany lies only in the anti-Comintern Pact. Therefore we conclude that Mr. Matsuoka cannot fool Moscow." —Reuter.

Man Rescued Alive After Being Buried For Seven Days Under Raid Debris

Clydeside Policeman Regarded by Doctors as Medical Miracle; Another Man Also Recovered

London, Mar. 22.

What is believed to be a record in medical history was the miraculous rescue yesterday of a man from the debris of a tenement building seven and a half days after last week's fierce German air raid on Clydeside.

The man was Donald Clark, 32-year-old Clydeside policeman, but he died last night a few hours after his removal to hospital.

All hope had been abandoned of saving a number of people buried deep in wreckage, but after many tons of debris were cleared up a man's voice was heard. Frantic, unceasing efforts opened an aperture and enabled a woman doctor to crawl in to give Clark an injection.

The policeman, to the doctor's astonishment, opened his eyes and vowed he was "not so bad," but the man later died in hospital.

Doctor Surprised

A London doctor, interviewed by Reuter, said it was extraordinary to find any one alive after being buried in such circumstances for over seven days without water. Four or five days was considered almost a limit for a person to live without liquid food.

Another man, John Cormack, was found in the wreckage alive. The first thing he asked for was a cup of tea. Then he told his rescuers that a girl was lying not far from him and believed to be still alive. He also spoke of other people entombed further back in the wreckage.

Nazis Launch Attack

Up till the early hours of this morning there was no sign of German air raiders over the London area, but a visit was paid by the *Luftwaffe* to a south-west coast town, which received showers of incendiary bombs followed by high-explosives despite an intense anti-aircraft barrage, which kept the raiders at a great height.

German airmen attempted little over Britain during daylight yesterday. Bombs at two places on the Norfolk coast, a few on the Kent coast together, with a machine-gun attack on a south-east coast town, were the extent of their activities.

It is officially stated that little damage was done, and nobody was seriously injured.—Reuter.

Yugoslavian Cabinet Crisis Expected

Ministers Split Over German Terms; Three Members Resign; German Ægean Offensive Postponed; Rumours Rampant in Belgrade

Belgrade, Mar. 22.

A NEW European political crisis has arisen, Germany's so-called compromise terms have caused a split in the Yugoslav Cabinet, it was revealed after the Cabinet had met twice within 24 hours.

Prince Paul, Regent, received the Prime Minister, M. Tsvetkovich, and the Vice-Premier, M. Matchek, on Friday afternoon to consider the next move. Three Ministers already have resigned and another is reported ready to do so because they oppose acceptance of the German terms.

It is understood that Germany's latest proposals represent a half-way house between the Tripartite Pact and a "friendship pact" as proposed by Yugoslavia. Ostensibly the German proposals exclude the presence of foreign troops in Yugoslavia but provide wide transport concessions, such as passage of war materials.

The terms also include a general ban on all anti-Axis movements. In return all signatories of the tripartite pact would guarantee Yugoslavia's integrity.

Nine Cabinet members including M. Matchek, who is the leader of the Croat Peasant Party, and the Foreign Minister, M. Cincarmarkovitch, favour accepting the terms. The other seven Ministers favouring acceptance include three Croatians, three Pro-Nazi Serbians and one Slovene. The Prime Minister and the leaders of the three other parties including the Moslem and Slovene groups have adopted a non-committal attitude.

Three Ministers Resign

The three Ministers who resigned are M. Chubrilovitch, Agriculture; M. Konstantinovitch, Justice, and M. Budisavljevich, Social Welfare. M. Protitch, Minister of Supplies, is ready to resign if the German terms are accepted.

The Cabinet thus having been split after many hours of debate, the struggle has now been transferred to the Palace where M. Tsvetkovitch and M. Matchek had lengthy discussions with Prince Paul. While they were still at the Palace it was learned that M. Kulovets, leader of the Slovene People's Party, also was to be received at the Palace.

The latest news confirms reports that the War Minister, General Petitch, took no part in the Cabinet discussions and that Opposition leaders who naturally are not represented in the Cabinet are unanimously opposed to acceptance of the terms, which they regard as capitulation to Germany.

The political situation in Belgrade indicates that reports emanating from pro-German quarters of a German-Yugoslav agreement, on the basis of compromise proposals giving Germany the right to send war material and hospital trains without control through Yugoslav territory, are at least premature, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Strong Public Opinion

Indeed from the orientation of the Cabinet and the Opposition's firm attitude, coupled with the strong tide of public opinion, it seems that there is little prospect of such important concessions being made, he adds.

The political situation following the Yugoslav Cabinet's discussion of German proposals, the nature of which has not yet been revealed, is summed up in authoritative quarters as follows, state reports from Belgrade: The Prime Minister's attitude to the proposals is neutral, while of the six party leaders forming the Government group, one supports the proposals, two oppose acceptance and three are neutral; the War Minister [Reuter.

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Resignations Not Accepted

New York, Mar. 21.

Regent Prince Paul has refused to accept the resignations of the Minister of Social Welfare, Mr. Sardjan Budissavalevitch; the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Franco Tchubrilovitch; and the Minister of Justice, Dr. Milan Constantinovitch, who were reported to have tendered their resignations opposing the Crown Council's plan envisaging closer relations with Germany, the Associated Press reported today from Belgrade.—Domei.

"Super Guarantee" By Russia

Promises for Yugoslavia If She Joins Axis; Pact Provisions Reported

Belgrade, Mar. 21.

A pact between Yugoslavia and Soviet Russia, similar to the accord which Yugoslavia has decided to sign with the Japan-Axis alliance, may be signed shortly whereby Soviet Russia would "super-guarantee" Yugoslavia's territorial integrity.

During the past few days, Soviet diplomatic activity in Belgrade has been ceaseless, and it is understood that the Soviet Minister to Sofia, M. Lavrentiev, came to Belgrade yesterday and conferred lengthily with Premier Dragisha Tsvetkovich.

During the conference, M. Lavrentiev is said to have advised Yugoslavia on behalf of his Government to sign the tripartite pact, but added that Soviet Russia would not view favourably a passage of German troops through Yugoslav territory.

Reports from Yugoslav newspaper correspondents in Berlin indicated that the Soviet Ambassador to the Reich, M. Dekanosov, called on the Wilhelmstrasse on several occasions lately and it is beieved that his conversations with German officials bore upon the new trend being taken in German-Yugoslav relations.

Clause Five Varied

Following a three hour Cabinet meeting which lasted till midnight, the Yugoslav Government decided to sign the tripartite pact, with the exception of Clause 5 authorizing the passage of troops through the signatory states.

Instead of this clause, there is an article specifying that Yugoslavia will authorize the passage through her territory of sanitary trains and war material.

Other Version: "Next Week"

Yugoslavia will sign her adherence to the Japan-Axis alliance at a ceremony to be held in Berlin next week, probably following the arrival in the German capital of Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister.

According to all available indications here, the following are the main provisions of the pact which Yugoslavia will sign:

1. Yugoslavia's territory will be guaranteed by all the signatories of the pact, including Bulgaria and Hungary who would thus give up their revisionist claims on Yugoslav territory.

2. Unlike the other members of the tripartite alliance, Yugoslavia will be exempted from all obligations of a military character, such as mutual military assistance and joint participation in military operations.

Outlet Sought

3. It has been promised Yugoslavia that when the European conflict ends and a new Europe is organized, her aspirations regarding an outlet upon the Ægean Sea will be taken into consideration. Yugoslavia is at present making use of the free port of Salonika.

4. Yugoslavia will undertake to allow the passage across her territory of war material and hospital trains. She will exercise no control on such transits and will not hold back the trains.

5. Yugoslavia will undertake to repress all domestic influences hostile to the Axis.

6. Yugoslavia will progressively adapt her economic system, and particularly her agricultural production, to that of Germany.—Havas Telemondial.

War May be Decided on Balkan Front; Suez More Important Than Gibraltar

American Commentators Explain Why Belligerents Concentrate on Greece; Invasion Now Doubted

Washington, Mar. 22.

United States military analysts today turned their full attention to the Balkan front where, numerous experts believe, the war may be decided, the same as it was in 1918.

These experts, said that if Hitler broke the Greek-British defences on the Bulgarian frontier, the German prospects would be even better than last September when London was furiously attacked following the surrender of France.

Britain's international prestige as well as military fate depended largely on its ability to protect the Suez Canal which, more than Gibraltar or any other single bastion, defended the British Empire, they added. Britain was dependent on the control of the Red Sea for maintenance of supply lines from South Africa and Australia.

If Britain would be required to abandon the Red Sea, it would lose access to the Nile granaries and Near Eastern oil as well as the Antipodes, except around the Cape, which the Germans could make dangerous if they gained control of French Africa, the experts pointed out.

With the Suez Canal open, Herr Hitler may not attempt to strike a blow against Gibraltar because the western portal was much less important than the eastern, the experts believed.

They pointed out that this factor explained the intensive British effort to reinforce Greece at a moment when a concentration of such strength in Africa might have dealt a speedy and decisive blow against the Italians in Libya.

This also explained, the German concentrations in the same area even at the cost of Italian pride which obviously must suffer at requiring German aid to defeat Greece. The same experts were doubtful of any German attempt to invade England until the campaign in the Balkans reached a definite or decisive stage. —United Press.

Hearing Resumed In Murder Case

Servant of Slain Man Outstanding Witness; Court Crowded

Nairobi, Mar. 22.

Visits made by Sir Delves Broughton, 53-year-old Baronet, to the house of Lord Erroll, 39, whom the former is alleged to have murdered in a love quarrel, were described by an African servant who had been employed by the slain man, in a resumed enquiry in a crowded court here yesterday. The servant was the outstanding witness of the hearing.

Lady Broughton, who, according to her husband's statement made in January, was in love with Lord Erroll, was present for the second successive day.

The servant told of visits by Lord Broughton to Lord Erroll's house early in the evening of January 18. Lord Erroll was out but Lord Broughton waited and following his return they seemed to be unfriendly.

There was a dinner party for eight at Lord Erroll's house that night Lord Broughton was invited but did not arrive. Lady Carderry and Lady Broughton had dinner there. The witness added that he had often seen Lady Broughton at Lord Erroll's house.—Reuter.

Red Sea May Be Used By American Ships

Reported Sequel to Big British Victories

Manila, Mar. 22.

"The "Bulletin" today said that local shipping circles were interested in reports reaching here that the United States was considering the possibility of reopening the Red Sea to U.S. shipping as a result of the British triumphs in east Africa.

Local shippers emphasized that they had not received confirmation of the reports, but pointed out that it would be logical if Washington decided to reopen the Red Sea to U.S. shipping which at present is barred from the area under the neutrality law.

They pointed out that it is 12,250 miles from San Francisco to Port Said and 12,133 miles between Port Said and New York, although the route via Manila and Singapore, however, would be less dangerous because of a lack of Axis raiders in the Pacific. They added that such a move would open a back door route for American shipments to British forces in the Mediterranean without the dangers to be encountered along the Atlantic routes.—United Press.

Mammoth U.S. Bomber To Cross Atlantic

World's Biggest War Plane Ready for Test Flight

New York, Mar. 22.

The largest and most powerful bomber in the world will shortly make its trans-Atlantic test flight.

It is the 82-ton Douglas B-19 and is capable of flying non-stop across the Atlantic, dropping 18 tons of high-explosives and flying back to its base.

Particulars of this flying dreadnought are given in New York by Mr. Sherman Altick, who says that not only is it the largest military plane ever built, but it carries as well as a bomb load, high-calibre, machine-guns and a power-driven and rapid-firing cannon.

In addition it has been designed to operate effectively above anti-aircraft range and has accommodation for a crew of ten, but if used as a troop transport it could carry 125 men with equipment.

Mr. Altick adds that the machine's landing gear alone weighs five tons. Reuter.

U.S. Tightens Control Over Panama Canal

Radio Communication in Zone Restricted

Washington, Mar. 21.

President Roosevelt today signed an executive order tightening control over radio communication in the vicinity of the Panama Canal.

Under the new order, the Governor of the Panama Canal Zone will have full control of all communications, except those to and from Army and Navy vessels.

Inter alia, the new regulations provide that all vessels communicate with the port captain for instructions when approaching the Canal, and that an operator be kept on board a vessel while it is in transit between the Atlantic and the Pacific.—Domei.

U.S. Coast Guard Inspecting Vessels

Washington, Mar. 22.

Rear-Admiral Russell Waesche of the Coast Guard, testifying before a Senate sub-committee, yesterday revealed that the Coast Guard was inspecting every vessel entering or leaving any United States port in an effort to prevent sabotage and accidents similar to the Halifax and Black Tom munition explosions in the World War.

He said that such activity required 300 enlisted men for the port of Boston alone.

He added that the Coast Guard, in the course of duties under the neutral act, in recent years sealed radios of several thousand vessels.—United Press.

Three Occupied Areas Send Groups to Moscow

Moscow, Mar. 22.

To the two trade delegations from occupied territory now in Moscow,—from Belgium and Norway,—has been added a third, a Danish delegation arrived here by air yesterday. All three are endeavouring to secure trade agreements with the Soviet, which is a large-scale producer of wheat and raw materials.—Reuter.

Fascist Leader Falls In Albania

Budapest, Mar. 22.

Sig. Roberto Farinacci, former Secretary-General of the Fascist Party, has fallen in fighting in Albania, said a news despatch from Belgrade yesterday.

The despatch did not say whether Sig. Farinacci was killed or only wounded.—United Press.

Tangiers Declared "Danger Spot"

"News Chronicle" Points Out New Peril Zone

London, Mar. 22.

The news that German agents are active in Tangier appears to the "News Chronicle" to point to deep-laid plot against Britain's communications.

Tangier, says the paper, if fortified, would command the approaches of the Mediterranean, while to the south and west lie the long coastlines of Imperial France, broken as far as Dakar only by defenceless Spanish territories.

That coast is a potential menace to our shipping lanes, adds the paper, which goes on to discuss the increased danger should the Germans build a railway from Marakesh to Dakar.—"Hitler announces that it is the British plan to seize the Azores. An announcement of this kind so often has been a prelude to fresh German aggression.

"Immediately a sinister strategic design becomes patent.—Tangier, Dakar and the Azores.—Across our Imperial path homewards there would then lie a hostile triangle charged with menace: across the entrance to the Mediterranean there would be a boom."

The paper concludes with the warning that British eyes should not be focussed entirely on the Balkans and Suez.—Reuter.

Italians Suffer More Losses in Albania

Petrol and Ammunition Dumps Hit in Raid

Athens, Mar. 22.

Yesterday was yet another bad day for the Italians in Albania as Greek artillery pounded the enemy positions and caused further losses of men and materials.

Petrol and ammunition dumps suffered severely, the Greek spokesman stated today, and captured prisoners provided further confirmation of the overwhelming losses sustained by the Italians during last week's abortive offensive.

Dill Congratulates Papagos

General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and General Sir Archibald Wavell have sent a message to General Papagos, the Greek Commander-in-Chief, congratulating him on the successful repulse of the new Italian counter-offensive. General Papagos in his reply mentions the recent parallel successes of the Imperial forces in Africa.—Reuter.

U.S. to Britain— 20,000 Planes

Production Schedule for 18 Months Drawn Up

New York, Mar. 22.

A production schedule to supply Britain with some 20,000 warplanes in the next 18 months has been worked out by high administration officials, it is stated in a message from Washington. The plan includes the construction of 10,700 planes under the "Lease-and-Lend" act, about half of them medium and heavy bombers, and 9,000 planes ordered privately by Britain before the passage of the act.

It is stated authoritatively also that surveys are under way for an air route to England for flying short-range pursuit planes by easy stages.—Reuter.

Diplomatic Battle in Belgrade Reported

Result May Influence Cyprus Talks

Istanbul, Mar. 22.

Well informed diplomatic quarters yesterday said that whether or not the talks in Cyprus between Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, and M. Sukru Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister, were a success depended on development in Belgrade.

A seesaw battle is now being waged in Belgrade between Government members in favour of the Axis who wish to pull Yugoslavia into the tripartite pact and those opposed to the Axis who favour Britain, Greece, and Turkey. The latter group is attempting to line up Yugoslavia in a defensive block of non-Axis countries in the Balkans.—United Press.

French Council Meets Darlan Chairman

Vichy, Mar. 21.

The Cabinet Council met here at 5 p.m. today under the chairmanship of Admiral Francois Darlan, the Vice-Premier.

It was the first ministerial meeting to be held following the return of Admiral Darlan from Paris:

Tomorrow, the Council of Ministers will meet under the Chairmanship of Marshal Philippe Petain, the Chief of State.—Havas Telemondial.

Greek Islands Raided

Athens, Mar. 22.

Names famous in classical history appeared again in a war communique today as the Greek high command announced that Italian planes conducted raids over the islands of Chios and Mytilene—the ancient Lesbos.

Victims were few and material damage is insignificant the Greek communique declared.—Havas Telemondial.

Chungking Division Reported Trapped

Japanese Claim Mountain Sides Littered With Chinese Dead

Kiangsi Province, Mar. 22.

The waters of the Lao River ran red today as Japanese forces closed a multipronged vice against Chungking's 19th Division trapped in the valley.

Sweeping down from nearby heights, numerous Japanese columns delivered a crushing blow against hemmed in Chinese troops who vainly sought an avenue of escape.

After turning the flank of the Chinese lines as they struck at the outer defences of Tsingnan, 30 kilometres north of Fengsin last night, the Japanese forces closed in upon the Chinese who were driven into the Lao River valley.

The mountain sides were dotted with clusters of Chinese dead and dying as the Japanese infantrymen in bayonet charges mopped up the last remnants of the Chinese resistance in this area.

Shangkao, base of operations of the 19th Group Army said to comprise the cream of Chiang Kai-shek's Central Army and under the command of General Lo Cho-ying, faced imminent capture by six Japanese units which comprised the "mystery" column crossing the Kin River Friday morning.

"Mystery Column"

The column, whose movements were shrouded in mystery since commencement of operations on March 15, made an appearance on Friday to cut off the retreat of the Chungking 74th Army as well as engaging forces of the 51st, 57th and 58th Divisions.

Defended by three Chungking divisions, whose fate is sealed, with another four Japanese detachments advancing from rugged mountain areas northeast of the town, Shangkao's fall was reported in late despatches to be near.

Swooping down in low flying attacks, Japanese Army planes worked in close cooperation with ground forces, bombing defences and machine gunning troops in the Shangkao area.

The imminent collapse of 100,000 Chinese troops belonging to the 52nd Division of the Chungking armies on the plains west of Lake Tai was seen today as Japanese forces were reported to be rapidly completing their encircling operation.

One body of Japanese forces advancing from Changsen, in Chekiang Province, occupied Tienpingkio, southwest of Changsen yesterday. Other Japanese forces driving southward from Ihing, in Kiangsu Province, occupied Changchuchen.

Still another arm of the Japanese encirclement was being carried out by Japanese units advancing southward from Kwantsunchen, on the western shore of Lake Li, to take Liyang, thus severing the strong line of Chinese resistance between Liyang and Ihing.

From further west another Japanese force was smashing its way southeastward from Lishui, thus completing the Japanese movement of encircling the Chungking army in a sixty-square kilometre plain.—Domei.

*Furious Aerial Onslaught

(Continued from page 1)

Italians, while in southern Abyssinia the British were "gradually closing in on a considerable group of Italian troops."—United Press.

Abyssinia Quiet

There is little news of the operation in Abyssinia, beyond the official statement that pressure is being maintained in the central and southern parts of the country, and that the Italian forces are withdrawing in all areas.

Reports from Nairobi state that heavy attacks were made by the South African air force on Harar and Diredawa. At Harrar, dive-bombers scored direct hits on barracks and the wireless station, while at Diredawa the aerodrome and the railway station were bombed, of two Italian fighters which attacked the British bombers, one is believed to have been shot down.

Sir John Dill Speaks

In Cairo yesterday, General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, addressed the men of General Sir Archibald Wavell's army.

He told them how he had watched the armies of the Middle East in the days when they were weak and when times were anxious, he had watched them grow in strength with forces gathered from the British isles, from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and East and West Africa. He had watched the units of free Frenchmen come and fight at their side, and to their great leader, General Sir Archibald Wavell, he said: "You have brought new courage to the Empire when it was most needed, and by your exploits you have made history."

General Dill went on to say that the victory did not belong to the army alone, but to the three great fighting forces, whose commanders had given to the world a striking example of cooperation that would live in history.

General Dill gave the men news of home, and said that all was well at home. Hitler had thought that he would bomb the heart out of them, but the result of the bombing had been far different. Hitler had kindled a flame of resistance which blazes not only in England and throughout the empire, but wherever men and women wish to be free, and one day that flame will devour him and all he stands for.—Reuter.

French Troops Arrive In Indo-China

Saigon, Mar. 22.

Approximately 90 officials and 300 native troops arrived here today from France aboard the French ship Desirade. The first demobilization order affecting French troops here was expected to be issued shortly.—United Press.

Britain Getting 50 More U.S. Ships

Washington, Mar. 22.

A high maritime official yesterday said that about 50 United States merchant ships will be transferred to Britain within a few days. About 75 per cent. of them are reconditioned, over-age World War ships, the official said.—United Press.

*Yugoslav Cabinet Crisis Expected

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did not participate in the Cabinet discussion; the entire Opposition is hostile to the German terms.—Reuter.

Germany Holds Up Offensive

Belgrade, Mar. 22.

Germany was holding up her offensive in the Aegean until the question of Yugoslavian signature to the tripartite pact was settled, reliable political quarters said today.

Germany, they said, also was hinting plainly that settlement must come within the next forty-eight hours Yugoslavia was due to sign the pact in Vienna tomorrow, but repercussions of the Yugoslavian Cabinet split—which occurred yesterday over the signing question—prevented the Premier and Foreign Minister from leaving here.

M. Dragisha Tsvetkovitch, the Premier, and M. Alexander Cincar-Markovitch, the Foreign Minister, postponed their intended departure for Vienna after the categorical refusal of three Cabinet members to reconsider their decisions to resign.

M. Tsvetkovitch did his utmost to induce the Cabinet members to withdraw their resignations after Prince Paul, the First Regent, refused to accept them. However, the trio reinforced their decision,—arrived at because they objected to Yugoslavia entering the alliance—by sending letters of resignation to Prince Paul. Prince Paul finally accepted the resignations.

As the Government was in a state of crisis M. Tsvetkovitch was doing his utmost to find replacements for the resigned Cabinet Ministers so that he could again set a date for going to Vienna.

Some sources denied rumors that Germany had given Yugoslavia a 48-hour ultimatum. Leaders of the Serbian Agrarian party, one of the most important political groups, held a conference last night and, it was understood, unanimously decided that functionaries of the party who held Government positions must resign. The party's six senators also were expected to resign.

Signing Expected Tomorrow

The Cabinet crisis threatens to assume major proportions outside the Government when Yugoslavian citizens learn the full import of what is happening, said some observers.

Meanwhile came disquietng reports from other capitals concerned with the Balkan crisis.

In Buchsrest a communique was issued ordering all reservists, regardless of their technical status, who thus far have not received mobilization orders to report in writing to headquarters.

From Istanbul came a report the Turkish National Assembly had voted an additional 30,000,000 Turkish pounds for national defence.

Increased collaboration between Germany and Hungary was indicated in a report from Berlin that Chancellor Adolf Hitler had received the Hungarian Foreign Minister.

Ministers About to Sign

M. Dragisha Tsvetkovitch, Yugoslavia's Premier, and M. Alexander Cincar-Markovitch, Minister of Foreign Affairs, planned to leave for Vienna today to sign a pact with Germany Sunday—unless the present Cabinet turmoil delays their departure.

Yugoslavia informed Berlin yesterday of the cabinet's decision.

Opponents of the Tripartite Pact protested the proposed agreement to give Germany facilities for transporting war materials through Yugoslavia.

Belgrade was quiet yesterday, contrary to overseas reports of demonstrations.

Public in Dark

The problem of replacing the men who resigned is not expected to be difficult to solve, as obviously the Cabinet posts can be filled by men who openly support the Axis.

Strongly mentioned for one of the offices is M. Danielo Gregoric, a Government commissioner.

Meanwhile the public which is yet completely uninformed concerning the fateful events of the past few days, Except by whisperings and rumours, yesterday appeared rather stupified and no one dared to predict the public reaction when Sunday's signing by Yugoslavia of the Tripartite Pact and the full implication and the results of it become general knowledge.

The martial spirit of the Serbians meanwhile continued to be manifest.—United Press

Admiralty Announces New F. E. Appointment

London, Mar. 22.

The Admiralty announces that Rear-Admiral James W. Dorling has been appointed Rear-Admiral in Malaya and in charge of naval establishments at Singapore.—Reuter.

Santiago Surprised At Nazi Meeting

Government Not Informed Of Sudden Conference

Santiago de Chile, Mar. 22.

Some surprise has been caused in diplomatic circles here at the meeting yesterday in Santiago of the German Ambassadors to the Argentine, Peru and Bolivia.

According to the Minister of the Interior, only the German Ambassador to the Argentine had informed the Chilean Foreign Office of his intention to visit the country, when he stated he was making a pleasure trip to Chile.

The other two envoys arrived incognito, and their presence was neither announced nor known to the Chilean authorities until yesterday.

Comment in the evening papers reflects the deep impression caused by the meeting. Leader writers ask if this "secret conference" signifies the starting point of a new German policy towards South America.—Reuter.

THE CINEMA

"Boom Town"

Big John McMasters ..... Clark Gable
Square Joh Sand ..... Spencer Tracy
Betsy Bartlett ..... Claudette Colbert
Karen Vanmeer ..... Hedy Lamarr
Luther Aldrich ..... Frank Morgan
Harry Compton ..... Lionel Atwill
Harmony Jones ..... Chill Wills
Whitey ..... Marion Martin
Spanish Eva ..... Minna Gombell
Ed Murphy ..... Joe Yule
Tom Murphy ..... Horace Murphy
McCreery ..... Ray Gordon
Little Jack ..... Casey Johnson
Judge ..... George Lessey

Another orchid to the best of character actors of Hollywood. Mr. Spencer Tracy, who adds another link to his long chain of successes this time with a splendid performance in "Boom Town," which opened its run at the Roxy Theatre yesterday afternoon. Not that the other players do not deserve a praise for their fine characterizations. Far from it. Everyone, from Mr. Tracy's co-stars to the smallest bit player did his best to make the film a great hit, but it's Mr. Tracy's picture, no matter from what side one views it. This grand actor, who had thrilled us recently with sterling acting as Edison and Major Rodgers in his last two pictures here, was as perfect as any other actor could ever hope to be as "Square" John Sand, a man, who goes to the limits to help the woman he loves, even though it means that she will be lost for him forever. So sincere was he in his role and so good and honest that one pitied the end of the film, a happy one at that with the heroine in the arms of the undeserving Mr Clark Gable. The story is all about the ups and downs of oil prospectors with Messrs. Tracy and Gable making and losing the money with equal disconcern. Mr. Gable, although his role was far from sympathetic, turned in a good performance of a woman's he-man. Miss Claudette Colbert was second only to Mr. Tracy and gave her best to the film. Charming and gay at the beginning of the picture, she played well in the more dramatic scenes where she was losing her husband to another woman, without being able to do anything about it. The fourth star of the film, Miss Hedy Lamarr, considered to be one of the most beautiful women in the films, had a smaller role than the other principals, first appearing after the film had gone half way. Cast as the "other" woman, bent on getting her man, the lovely Viennese actress acquitted herself well. Especially good was she in the scene when she overheard the conversation of the two men and realized that the man she loved was still mad about his wife, without fully knowing it. This one scene paid for her short part. No review would be complete without giving praise to Mr. Frank Morgan (when he appears in the film) for injecting a few moments of good humour just at the moments when the picture requires it. Taken on the whole, "Boom Town" should please the majority of film-goers, one of whom was heard to remark that he was "gratified to see a good picture without a single villain to threaten the heroes."—P.I.

Peiping Firms Adopt Summer Time

Peiping, Mar. 22.

It is announced that nine British firms and the Foreign Bankers Association are adopting Shanghai time as from Monday. The official time of the Legation Quarter remains unchanged, however.—Reuter.

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Mexico to Seize Axis Freighters

Mexico City, Mar. 22.

President Camacho, of Mexico, intends to requisition twelve German and Italian steamers which have taken shelter in Mexican ports, the newspaper "Excelsior" said today.

No indication on the subject was forthcoming from Government quarters however.—Havas Telemondial.

Matsuoka Polishes Up On His Russian

Getting Ready for Talks in Moscow

Krasnoyarsk, Mar. 20.

Language lessons enlivened the monotonous journey of the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka and his staff across the vast snow covered expanse of Central Siberia. With his Secretary-Interpreter, Mr. Yoshio Noguchi, assuming the role of teacher, lessons every day in Russian were began yesterday.

The initiative came not from members of Mr. Matsuoka's staff, but from the escorting Soviet officials who asked Mr. Noguchi to teach them Japanese.

When Mr. Nobuchi opened his class, the suggestion was advanced by the Japanese that he should teach them Russian conversation, whereupon the class was promptly organized.

Mr. Matsuoka was among the students, brushing up his Russian which he learned while serving as Attache at St. Petersburg when he was young, but which had become rusty.—Domei.

Two Flying Fields In Alaska Asked

Washington, Mar. 21.

The House Appropriations Committee today made public the testimony of Brig.-Gen. Thomas M. Robbins, assistant chief of Engineers who disclosed that the Army is establishing two intermediate flying fields in Alaska. Brig.-Gen. Robbins declared that the Army needs U.S. $2,160,000 to complete a field to be located at the mouth of the Yakutat River, and U.S. $2,375,000 for another airfield.

It was pointed out that at present land planes are unable to land anywhere between Seattle and Juneau.—Domei.

Lady Astor Tells U.S. To Hurry, Join War

London, Mar. 22.

Lady Astor, first woman ever to take a seat in Parliament here, today asked the United Press to tell America to "Hurry up and come in."

The American-born woman added, "It is not the kind of war that will wait for you. It will come to you."—United Press.

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Last Will of Gen. Metaxas Recalled

Greek Consul-General in Shanghai Pays Homage To Friendly Nations

The last will to the nation of Gen. John Metaxas, the former Greek Prime Minister and national leader which was contained in one of the last addresses which he delivered in Athens when he called upon his people to make a "total effort" and repeated the paean of the Salamis warriors, "now above all the battle," will be recalled on Tuesday, by Mr. Emmanuel P. Yannoulatos, Consul-General for Greece in Shanghai.

The occasion will be the anniversary of a great day in the long history of Greece, a day on which the Greek nation took up arms in 1821, for its freedom and independence.

"We are again faced with the same dangers to our liberty" declares Mr. Yannoulatos in a short and timely article, "the liberty and independence which we have so jealously strived to preserve through centuries. Therefore it is fitting for me to recall and for all Greeks to remember the inspiring words of our great and late leader and to dedicate ourselves to the carrying out of this, his last will to the nation, until victory and peace are obtained.

"Greece had steadfastly pursued a neutral policy in the European conflict. Our government strove for years to improve relations and maintain peace in the Balkans. For the sake of peace Greece has abstained from claiming territories which, though inhabited by Greeks for thousands of years, were held by Italy and Albania.

Ordeals Suffered

"For the last twenty years the Greek people suppressed all feelings of pain when they saw their brothers suffer unheard of indignities in these occupied territories. Our schools were closed, our young men and women were forced to learn Italian, our churches were shut and our priests expelled or imprisoned—yet the nation stood all these orders in agony without a murmur against the international treaties that were responsible for this abominable situation. And in addition, and in spite of all these, our late Prime Minister worked with zeal and energy for over four years to improve and cultivate relations with Italy.

"The world knows what has happened. Without any provocation and warning we were asked in the early hours of October 28, to hand to Fascist Italy the rest of our country. The reply given by the late General Metaxas on that memorable morning, would have been given to the Italian minister by every Greek man and woman in or outside of Greece.

National Anniversary

"And so this national anniversary finds Greece fighting again for her rights and independence, fighting for the right of people to live free and unmolested, fighting for the rights given by God to man; and will fight to the end. Even if Greece is overcome by the enemy, her honour will be preserved at all costs, her traditions will remain unscathed so that, come what may, she will continue to remain the symbol of liberty, honour, democracy and faith in God.

"Greeks today who think of victories or suffering Greece, will pay homage to our great friends who by their timely assistance, assistance that meant hardships to them, contributed to our victories—to Great Britain who has spared no effort to come to our assistance and to the great American democracy who has unreservedly given us wholehearted support; to the world in general which has applauded our victories, assisted our war relief organizations and given us material and moral support."

Synagogues Observe Day of Prayer

Other Churches Do Likewise Today

Prayers were offered in the Ohel Rachel and Beth Aharon Synagogues in Seymour and Museum Roads, respectively, before the Ark of the Law yesterday morning, Jewish Sunday, in special services held in accordance with the Day Of Prayer appointed by His Majesty King George VI.

Rabbi M. Ashkenazi officiated before a mass gathering of the local Jewish community at the services. Other churches here will observe similarly today.

Rabbis Urge Aid to Britain

America was urged to give all possible aid to Britain in recent sermons by New York rabbis, who emphasized that on the outcome of the European war depended the survival of democracy and of religious civilization, says the New York "Times."

"The present war between democracy and Nazism is the struggle for the survival of religious civilization," Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein declared.

"Many leaders of American thought are merely rendering lip service to religious civilization. This is evidenced by their desire to render comfort or indirect aid to Nazi Germany. Are we not yet conscious of the fact that the enemy of the Christian as well as the Jew is Nazism? It is Nazism versus Christianity. It is Nazism versus religion.

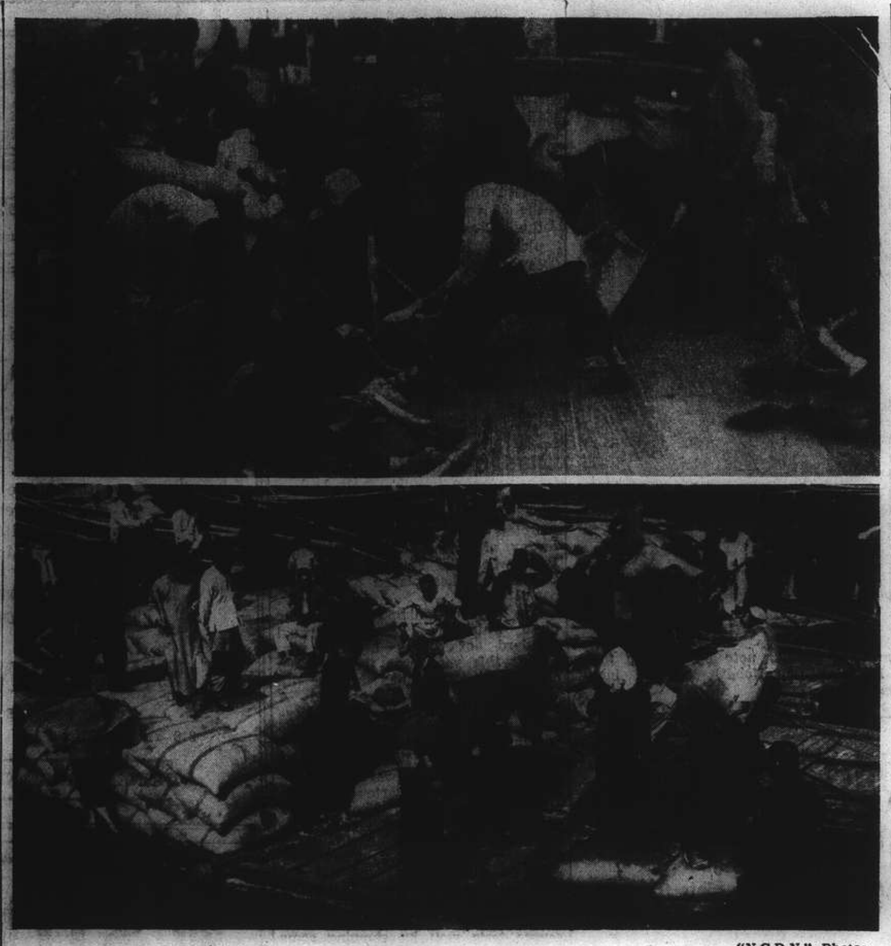
Rabbi Max Felshin said: "America must decide to accept her historic responsibility to aid freedom and democracy as against enslavement and tyranny.

"What America needs now more than ever before is a modern Elijah, the prophet who spoke to the people of Israel in times of similar national emergency, 'How long will ye halt between two opinions? If ye are for God follow Him; but if you choose the idols follow them.'"

Japanese Envoy Cancels Journey To Sumatra

Tokyo, Mar. 22.

Mr. Kenkichi Yoshizawa, Japanese Ambassador to the Netherlands East Indies, yesterday suddenly cancelled, without explanation, a scheduled trip to Sumatra, said a Japanese report from Batavia.—United Press.



"N.C.D.N." Photos.

Not One Grain Wasted

Not one grain of the precious cereal that forms the staple food of the teeming millions of the Chinese population is wasted. Thrifty housewives are pictured, assiduously employed in brushing up grains of rice left on a truck after the sacks had been borne away on the shoulders of wharf coolies. A brighter side of the situation is seen on the Soochow Creek with the unloading of rice into the Settlement.

S.M.C. Discuss Rice Problem

Situation Here Becoming Critical; Authorities Seeking Solution

The rice committee of the Shanghai Municipal Council again conferred yesterday morning to discuss the rice situation which took a decided turn for the worse two days ago when quotations were reported to have been suspended.

The sudden departure from Shanghai of Mr. Yu Ya-ching, who has been actively engaged in trying to find a solution to the rice problem which has been sorely taxing the Municipal authorities is hailed among a section of the Chinese press as an augury of worse days to come in the complicated situation.

With labour deadlocks in progress and other strikes in the offing largely due to rice prices riding the crest, the Shanghai Municipal Council which met in full session a few days ago devoted not an inconsiderable part of its time to discussing the rice problem.

A few months ago representatives of the Council made futile attempts to persuade the Japanese military authorities here to allow the free entry into Shanghai of domestic rice, the arrival of which in large quantities, would immediately alleviate a harassing situation. Meanwhile the import of rice from Saigon continued on a big scale and the cargo was sold at high prices due to higher freight and storage rates.

Matters were complicated, however, recently when reports went the rounds of Chinese circles that hoarders were refusing to release their stocks of the cereal preferring to hold out for exorbitant prices. Quantities of the imported rice it was reported, got into Pootung godowns beyond the control and jurisdiction of the Settlement authorities.

Numerous Suggestions

Numerous suggestions have been put forward by Chinese economists, public spirited bodies and others recently to solve the rice problem. Impatient over the tardiness in Official action a section of the Chinese press has lashed out against the Municipal and other authorities, charging them with being lethargic over a problem of vital concern to an overwhelming majority of the populace.

More than one month ago the Municipal Council, it will be recalled, denounced profiteering in the grain and took definite action against cases where Chinese were proven to have made excessive profits in rice sales. The culprits were prosecuted and fined.

Annual Meeting of China Bible House

Bishop Gowdy to Speak At Wednesday Function

The Shanghai Auxiliary of the China Bible House will hold its annual meeting in Union Church Hall on Wednesday. Tea will be served at 4.30 and at 5.30 the anniversary address will be delivered by the Rev. Bishop John Gowdy of Foochow. Bishop Gowdy is retiring after 38 years of service in China during which time he has been President of the Anglo-Chinese College, President of the Fukien Christian University, and for the past eleven years bishop of the Methodist Church. He has travelled extensively throughout China and around the world. The chair will be taken by the Rev. E. J. Ottewell.

At this meeting the British and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Society will present the report of their united work for the past year, the 128th year of Bible Society work in China. The published figures show that despite many difficulties of publishing and transportation these societies through the China Bible House have issued during 1940 over 4,000,000 volumes of scripture, of which more than 257,000 are whole Bibles and New Testaments. The Society acknowledges the receipt of over $48,000 in local contributions from churches, auxiliaries and individuals last year.

Rumours About Council Official Discredited

"Mr. Phillips is hale and hearty," an official of the Shanghai Municipal Council declared yesterday when he labelled as entirely without foundation rumours that Mr. G. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary and Commissioner-General of the Council, had received a threatening letter and that an attempt had been made on his life.

It will be recalled that an abortive attempt was made on the life of Mr. Phillips some time ago when he emerged from a harrowing ordeal without so much as a scratch and was not deterred in the least from devoting himself to the day's arduous task.

Problems Facing Beggar Camp

Now Impossible to Get Adequate Supplies of Rice for Inmates

Brigadier B. Morris, of the Salvation Army, gave a lecture on the problems of the Beggar Camp to a meeting of the Joint Committee of the Shanghai Women's Association, held last week at the Polish Legation, the Polish Women's Association being hostesses. After some preliminary business, including a discussion of a health campaign, Brigadier Morris was called upon to speak.

He opened by outlining the history of the camp, mentioning the difficulty of finding a suitable location. Finally the present site, 11 Singapore Road, was found, and rapidly developed, so that now there are 1,451 persons housed in the camp, of whom 280 are females. Many of the beggars come from good families and some are even well-educated. A few have been teachers and engineers and one has been trained as a doctor.

The blind beggars have been put in a separate hut, and have proved the easiest to guide. Mr. Fryer, from the local blind school, and an assistant, are engaged in teaching them various useful trades. All the blind children have been transferred to the Blind School on Hungjao Road. The most difficult cases are those without hands, or with crippled limbs, but all are occupied in some way.

Beggars coming into the camp have to deposit their belongings with the camp officers, but are given everything back when they leave. The food question has proved to be the most serious problem facing the authorities of the camp. The monthly cost for each inhabitant is $30, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain rice. For quite a time it has been impossible to get fresh supplies, and the upkeep of the camp has thereby become endangered. If it were not possible to feed the beggars, of course, it would be necessary to open the gates and permit them to leave.

Phosphorus Flung Over MBK Lumber Yard Fence

Mystery Surrounds Fire At Japanese Concern

Firemen from the Yangtszepoo station were called out to the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Lumber Yard at 2180 Yangtszepoo Road at 1.05 a.m. yesterday when it was reported that a quantity of phosphorus had been thrown over the fence and had set fire to a stack of wood. Before considerable damage was done, the fire had been extinguished by the lumber yard staff. This was done with sand and water.

Although it could not be ascertained yesterday, it was believed that this was an arson attempt. The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha is a large Japanese concern.

Rich Chinese Merchant Kidnapped by Gang

Forced into Motor Car On Connaught Road

Kidnappers struck again yesterday morning at 8.30 when Mr. Chow Chi tse, wealthy Chinese merchant, was carried away by four men just as he was leaving his home to go to his office at 8 Rue du Consulat.

Investigations opened by detectives revealed that the victim, riding in his private rickshaw, bearing licence No. 2822, was coming out of Lane 77 Connaught Road when he was stopped by four gangsters, one of whom was armed. He was pushed into a waiting car. The vehicle was then driven away in a westerly direction.

The victim is 39 years of age and a native of Ningpo. He is said to be wealthy and in the cotton business. The crime, it was believed, had been committed for ransom, since the victim was not known to belong to any organizations.

Soviet Ambassador to Vichy Named

Moscow, Mar. 22.

M. A. E. Bogomolov, Soviet Charge d'Affaires at Vichy has been appointed Ambassador to Vichy, it was announced here yesterday. Mr. Bogomolov thus is the first Soviet Ambassador to France since March, 1940, when the French Government declared M. Jakov Surits *persona non grata* and demanded his recall.—United Press.

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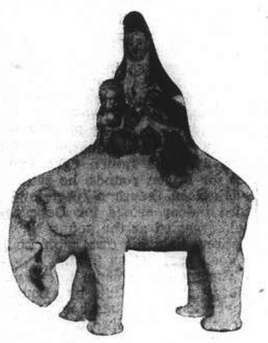

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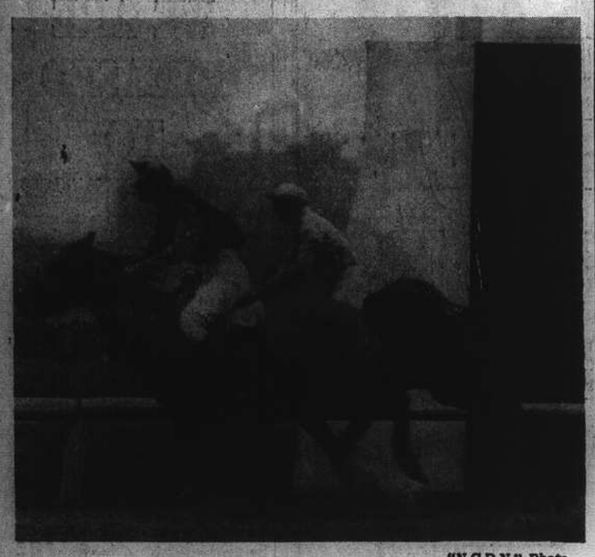

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Close on Old Bill's Heels . . . . .

. . . Frostylight (C. B. Moller) wins Lancashire Stakes to register his 39th victory and come within striding distance of Old Bill's record. Second by a neck is Rye (C. Encarnacao).

Frostylight Wins Lancashire Stakes to Score 39th Victory

Busted Straight Beats Cluniehill in Yorkshire Stakes; Some Good Dividends in Forecast Pool

By "The Chaser"

THOUGH the sky was overcast and rain threatened, a large crowd was in attendance yesterday afternoon, when the Shanghai Race Club held their Fourth Extra Race Meeting, and appeared to have enjoyed a splendid day of racing. Though favourites did not run true to form in every event, punters were not too badly set back, as second popular fancies and well fancied ponies were on hand to fill the breech.

The outstanding performance of the afternoon was undoubtedly Frostylight's magnificent win in the Lancashire Stakes, the first of the two feature events, in which, assisted by C. B. Moller in the saddle, he created a minor upset by defeating the raging favourite, Rye, by the narrow margin of a length after a thrilling neck and neck duel from the top of the straight.

Grand Old Sprinter

In winning the race the grand old sprinter from the "Cire" stable recorded his 39th win since the inception of his racing career in 1934 when he started as a S.R.C. griffin. Since then, with the exception of an off-season last year, he has never failed to be one of the most consistent stake winners for the stable. Credit is also due to the fine training this pony has had, as he nearly always faces the barrier in good trim.

When he failed to run up to his usual form last autumn the general consensus of opinion that his best racing days were over, but his performance yesterday proves this to be a fallacy. The merit of his triumph may be well judged from the unusually fast time of 1.29 flat for the distance of three-quarters of a mile, which is only one and four-fifths seconds slower than the record which was established by The Hawk in the spring of 1920.

Night Express was on hand to guarantee a true run race and was off like a scalded cat the moment the barrier lifted. He was promptly followed by Joylight, while Frostylight and Rye were next. Slow Motion trailed Rye by two lengths while Country Life was completely outclassed and was out of the running after the field had only gone fifty yards. The position was more or less unchanged until the last furlong where Frostylight came up strongly on the outside while Rye came through on the inside. Slow Motion made a desperate but unsuccessful bid for victory and flattered at the top of the straight before falling back to take third place three lengths away.

Some Good Dividends

Though there were a few generally unexpected wins, none were major upsets and the highest dividend registered in the win-parimutuel was by Charming Jack who returned the attractive sum of $91.40. Two other very satisfactory returns were also chalked up by Frostylight and Lal Ruby who paid $81.40 and $82.80 respectively. A much higher average of dividends, however, was paid in the forecast pool which was held in five events, when the lowest return was $124.20. At the other extreme was the dividend of $233.

Busted Straight, who has been running consistently well during the last two meetings, being placed each time, finally rewarded his owner with a win. He ran a fine race to beat Cluniehill by three quarters of a length, while Merrylight filled the remaining berth three lengths away. The three winning ponies were prominent during the entire race, being among the first six from the word "go". The winner, however, did not exert his superiority over Cluniehill until the last hundred yards when he responded gallantly to his rider's pressure to take the lead and win.

The judgment of the public was well served in this race as the order in which the first three ponies passed the winning post was in full accordance to their popularity, they being the first, second and third favourites respectively.

Huge Lead Overcome

Striker rode a well judged race to win the last race on Dunbeg when he streaked through like lightning to overcome Black Pirate's huge lead and win by half a length. Black Pirate worked his way to an advantage of nearly ten lengths and appeared to be the winner when he turned into the straight with nearly six lengths to spare, but the winner's spurt proved to be his downfall. The remaining place fell to Anything Goes, kmd just managed to hold off Optimiste's spirited burst of speed to fill third place after running second all the way.

Chinese jockeys were prominent yesterday and won more than half the number of races. The Chinese veteran rider, Y. S. Chang, took top jockey honours with a credit of two wins, one second and a third. Among the other Chinese jockeys to win were Tommy Chi, T. Y. Woo, P. Y. Vong and L. Y. Liu.

1.—THE BERKSHIRE STAKES. 11 furlongs.
Charming Jack (Charming) 156 Tommy Chi 1
Sunnylight (Cire) 161 C. B. Moller 2
Grenadier (Dod) 152 E. B. Cumine 3
Won by ¾ length; a neck.
Time, 3.13⅘ sec.
Forecast Pool Race X9. Div. $233.
Win, $91.40. Places, $13.80, $7.60, $10.

2.—THE WILTSHIRE STAKES. 9 furlongs.
Charming Bill (Charming) 155 T. Y. Woo 1
Night Raider (H. Moore) 155 I. E. House 2
Rearmament (Jim) 155 C. Encarnacao 3
Won by 3 lengths; 3 lengths.
Time, 2.28 sec.
Forecast Pool Race BN. Div. $117.40.
Win, $23.60. Places, $14, $12.40.

3.—THE DEVONSHIRE STAKES. ¾ mile.
Chancery Lane (Tony) 150 Y. S. Chang 1
Larne (A. H. George) 152 G. R. Cheape 2
Hawaii Clipper (San Hsin) 157 S. Y. Sung 3
Sweep: (1) 1064, (2) 497, (3) 266.
Unplaced: 185, 1510, 1466, 1437, 1120, 197, 761, 696, 1450, 750, 607, 1415.
Won by ½ length; a neck.
Time, 1.32⅘ sec.
Sweep: $1243.20; $355.20; $177.60; $37.
Win, $23. Places, $10.20, $14.40, $14.20.

4.—THE PARAMATTA STAKES, SECTION I. 1¼ mile.
National Finance (C. Y. Chiu) 150 P. Y. Vong 1
Fleeting Deer (G. C. Shaw) 145 T. Y. Woo 3
Sweep: (1) 1212, (2) 321, (3) 1256.
Unplaced: 1659, 234, 815, 273, 17, 290, 1439.
Won by 1 length; 3 lengths.
Time, 2.18⅘ sec.
Sweep: $1335.60; $381.60; $190.80; $68.14.
Win, $14.40. Places, $6.80, $10.40, $12.80.

5.—THE PARAMATTA STAKES, SECTION II. 1¼ mile.
Daintyfoot (Foot) 154 I. E. House 1
Gold Star (Star) 150 Y. S. Chang 2
Gracie (Liddell) 155 C. Encarnacao 3
Sweep: (1) 877, (2) 961, (3) 1773.
Unplaced: 1069, 1544, 1331, 332, 964.
Won by 6 lengths; 3 lengths.
Time, 2.16⅘ sec.
Forecast Pool Race Y9. Div. $124.20.
Sweep: $1453.20; $415.20; $207.60; $103.80.
Win, $37.20. Places, $9.20, $6.80, $6.40.

6.—THE HAMPSHIRE STAKES. ½ mile.
Hill Song (Tony) 155 Y. S. Chang 1
Don Federico Whyteleafe) 158 A. Noodt 2
The Swan (Winsome & Hasty) 152 H. J. Holden 3
Sweep: (1) 1154, (2) 830, (3) 1328.
Unplaced: 963, 1289, 158, 1116, 1155, 836.
Won by 1 length; 2 lengths.
Time, .58⅘ sec.
Forecast Pool Race Z9. Div. $171.80.
Sweep: $1486.80; $424.80; $212.40; $88.50.
Win, $31.60. Places, $10, $8.20, $13.20.

7.—THE LANCASHIRE STAKES. ¾ mile.
Frostylight (Cire) 164 C. B. Moller 1
Rye (A. S. Henchman) 164 C. Encarnacao 2
Slow Motion (Wise Co.) 161 Y. S. Chang 3
(G. R. Cheape).
Sweep: (1) 290, (2) 29, (3) 1047.
Unplaced: 630, 939, 1509.
Won by a neck; 3 lengths.
Time, 1.29 sec.
Forecast Pool Race AK. Div. $120.80.
Sweep: $1575.84; $450.24; $225.12; $187.60.
Win, $81.40. Places, $7.40. $5.20, $6.

8.—THE CHESHIRE NOVICE STAKES. 9 furlongs.
Lal Ruby (Lal-Divy) 142 L. Y. Liu 1
Don Pedro (Whyteleafe) 155 C. Y. Wong 2
The Avocet (Winsome & Hasty) 153 Duncan Fraser 3
Sweep: (1) 260, (2) 807, (3) 1516.
Unplaced: 351, 340, 667, 1191, 360, 896, 151 1537, 846, 1528, 333, 1519, 716.
Won by ½ length; 2 lengths.
Time, 2.24⅘ sec.
Sweep: $3074.40; $678.40; $439.20; $84.46.
Win, $82.80. Places, $20.60. $8.60, $9.40.

9.—THE YORKSHIRE STAKES. 9 furlongs.
Busted Straight (Busted) 152 G. P. Gram 1
Cluniehill (Clunie) 158 A. V. Striker 2
Merrylight (Cire) 149 F. Noodt 3
Sweep: (1) 1495, (2) 238, (3) 1446.
Unplaced: 1002, 217, 505, 973, 1470, 232, 608, 1033.
Won by ¾ length; 3 lengths.
Time, 2.21⅘ sec.
Sweep: $3103.80; $886.80; $443.40, $138.56.
Win, $15.40. Places, $6.60, $7, $9.20.

10.—THE LINCOLNSHIRE STAKES. 11 furlongs.
Dunbeg (Dun) 153 A. V. Striker 1
Black Pirate (Green Park) 155 F. Marshall 2
Anything Goes (G. Pollock & John Sparke) 155 R. H. Robertson 3
Sweep: (1) 1615, (2) 2366, (3) 2142.
Unplaced: 2562, 2538, 2325, 1462, 2416, 1706, 2333, 1719, 2590, 1638, 2037, 2139.
Won by ½ length; ½ length.
Time, 3.00⅘ sec.
Sweep: $840; $240; $120; $25.
Win, $25.60. Places, $9.20, $10.60, $8.

United XI Trounce Hockey Club Side

Upsetting all predictions, the United "A" turned up one of their most impressive performances of the season yesterday afternoon to overwhelm the Hockey Club "A" in a friendly engagement at the Kiaochow Park by a decisive count of 4-1. Rushing their opponents, defence time and again in the first half, the United attack taxed them to the limit before piling in their points.

With each member of the forward line piercing the S.H.C. defence like forks of lightning and working in perfect harmony, the United controlled almost the entire play during the opening half. Their half-line sent them pass after pass to our S.H.C. defence.

Strangely enough, the United defence, which was throught to be the weakest link on the side owing to the absence of Pate, came through with flying colours. Remedios, substituting for Pate, was prominent with his spoiling tactics. They were given periodial scares in the second half but, working colly and collectively the pair of full-backs cleared every attack except the one goal which was scored by the Club.

Meanwhile, the Club attackers never really had an opportunity to get into their stride. It was only in the second half that they were able to take an even share of the match. This was partly due to the fact that they transferred Scheltus to the centre-forward position and that the United relaxed their pressure somewhat.

In the first half the Club failed to show the sparkle which is characteristic of their attacks earlier in the season. Only the cool and collected performance of Scheltus at the centre-half berth prevented the Club eleven from falling apart altogether. King was the only forward playing up to his usual standard, but his sizzling centres were invariably too hard for the inside men to collect.

The teams were:—

United "A": Jones: Wason, Remedios; P. Kermani, Chanturai, Gilchrist: Murray, Hetherington, P. Bojesen, Reuben, H. Bojesen.

S.H.C. "A": Lowe; Grosfils, Crickmer; Hopwood, Scheltus, Wallace; Lindilhac, Wilmer, Beekmeijer, Silvey, King.

Canidrome Results

1—300 yd. flat.—1, Slippery Sam; 2, Nagasaki
Also ran:—Boxing Fan, Dai Wu Day, Wild Wind, Advance Guard.
1 length.—Time, 18.69.
Win, $61.10. Forecast 4-6 Div. $109.50.
Place, 1st $15.90; 2nd $7.40.

2—300 yd. flat.—1, Jacko; 2, Golden Dawn.
Also ran:—Major, Mad Dale, Woodlark, Fulover.
1 length.—Time, 18.32
Win, $26.20. Forecast 3-6 Div. $64.20.
Place, 1st $8.50; 2nd $6.30.
Double Event 1/2 4-3 Div. $124.10.

3—440 yd. flat.—1, Village Athlete; 2, Lady Whirlwind.
Also ran:—Great Wall, Golden Angelo, Clara Fante, Lady Swift
2 lengths.—Time, 26.71.
Win, $30.60. Forecast 5-2 Div. $189.20
Place, 1st $13.70; 2nd $10.00
Double Event 2/3 3-5 Div. $77.90.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Princess Talgal; 2 Our Joy.
Also ran:—Sweet Moon, The Back, Adam's Ruin, Big Shot.
¼ length.—Time, 30.86.
Win, $47.80. Forecast 4-4 Div. $333 30.
Place, 1st $22.00; 2nd $20.50.
Double Event 1/4 3-4 Div. $220.40.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Felicity; 2, Bethany.
Also ran:—Fu Aishun, Ooen Blade, Our Delight, Bright Julie.
1 length.—Time, 30.03.
Win, $27.60. Forecast 2-5 Div. $59.70.
Place, 1st $12.40; $7.00.
Double Event 4/5 4-2 Div. $126.50.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Cute Vagabond; 2, Olympia.
Also ran:—Esquire, Reckless Mood, Shanglin Bill, Captain Charming.
A head.—Time, 30.12.
Win, $55.90. Forecast 5-4 Div. $189.30.
Place, 1st $22.30; 2nd $10.90.
Double Event 5/6 2-5 Div. $184.50.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, Cordon Blen; 2, Fly Catcher.
Also ran:—Valencia, Texas Butterfly, Go Smiling, Open Beach.
4 lengths.—Time, 29.97.
Win, $39.00. Forecast 3-1 Div. $466.70.
Place, 1st $16.10; 2nd $22.00.
Double Event 6/7 5-3 Div. $136.70.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Old Coin; 2 .Dingle Robber.
Also ran:—Instructor, Great Regret, Ruddy Scamp, Peerless Style.
Short eead.—Time, 30.12.
Win, $18.10. Forecast 2-5 Div. $78.50.
Place, 1st $7.70; 2nd $11.40.
Double Event 7/8 3-2 Div. $83.90.

9—500 yd. flat.—1, Cordon Violet; 2, Mon Affaire.
Also ran:—Mac Queen, Select Crowd, Don't Fuss, So Peaceful.
Short head.—Time, 29.90.
Win, $55.80. Forecast 1-5 Div. $363.60.
Place, 1st $37.20; 2nd $9.00.
Double Event 8/9 2-1 Div. $99 50.

10—500 yd. flat.—1, Royal Rebel; 2, Flying Duchess.
Also ran:—Don't Forget, Go Softly, Mentor, Grey Viking.
Win, $4.50. Forecast 1-2 Div. $191.40.
Place, 1st $21.40; 2nd $16.10.
Double Event 9/10 1-1 Div. $190.40.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Popular Song . . . . .

. . . Hill Song (Y. S. Chang) strikes a popular note by winning the Hampshire Stakes, with Don Federico (A. Noodt), striding into second place.

Simon Lasts Thirteen Rounds Against Champion Joe Louis

"Man-Mountain" Saved from Complete Slaughter By Referee After Wading Into Brown Bomber

Detroit, Mar. 22.

RELENTLESSLY punishing his big, youthful foe with murderous blows, Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, last night successfully defended his title for the 15th time by scoring a technical knockout over Abe Simon in the 13th round of a title bout set for 20 rounds at the Olympia Stadium last night.

Battered and bleeding after providing the champion with the most serious opposition since the Brown Bomber was knocked out by Max Schmeling in 1936, Simon was saved from complete slaughter by Referee Sam Hennessey, who halted the bout.

Simon, heavily punished, was sent crashing to the canvas twice in the fatal 13th round before the referee halted the fight. The big New York youth was game, but he was too weak and groggy to oppose Louis who was bent on making a kill in the 13th round.

But in astounding the boxing world by lasting as long as he did, Simon earned the right to meet the "invincible" negro again on May 16.

Mike Jacobs, outstanding boxing promoter, immediately after the fight announced that Louis and Simon would clash in a return bout in New York's Madison Square Garden on May 16. The return fight would be set for fifteen rounds, he said.

Nineteen thousand spectators, a record indoor crowd for Detroit, were flabbergasted as the young New York Hebrew held his own with Louis for a good part of the fight.

The spectators came to see another speedy "execution" by Louis, but stayed to see a young boxer, who only recently climbed into the first ten ton heavyweights, hit and hurt Louis—and not for a few rounds but for 13 frames.

Known as "Man-Mountain" because of his size, Simon showed no fear and he waded into his heavy-hitting opponent from the start.

But Louis was too crafty and fast for his powerful foe. Twice before the "unlucky" 13th, Simon ran into deadly blows and sprawled on the canvas for counts. At one time he nearly landed in the press row as Louis hit him a terrific blow and he went half-way through the ropes.

The Chaser's Tips Come Home

Ample evidence of the Chaser's ability to "pick 'em" was furnished at yesterday's Race Meeting. A study of this oracle's tips will reveal the interesting fact that, out of the 38 ponies he nominated in the 10-event card, 22 were placed. In the third race, especially, the four entrants he chose (including the outsider) occupied the first four berths. This was also the case in the seventh race, when his three tips filled all three places.

Ladies Hockey Tussle Ends in Scoreless Tie

For the first time this season a hockey engagement resulted in a scoreless draw. This happened yesterday afternoon at the Kiaochow Park when the Erin Villa and the Shanghai Ladies played off a postponed tussle.

The only redeeming feature in the clash, which was below the usual standard of ladies hockey seen earlier this year, was the evenness of the two elevens and the fast clip at which the game was played. A maximum penalty of a penalty-bully was awarded in the game but this did not result in a goal.

The Shanghai Ladies' forward line despite such stalwarts as Stella Roberts and Doris Barton failed to make any impression. They lacked understanding, allowing several promising movements to fizzle away after one or two passes. They were slow on the uptake and did not avail themselves of the opportunities to score. Emma Maolem, their custodian, survived three or four severe tests well by stopping some hard drive with her pads.

The Erin Villa forwards were as listless as the Shanghai Ladies and despite reshuffling their line-up to include "Girlie" Elles in the attacking unit, the eleven still appeared to be out of focus and, like their opponents, failed to convert every visit to the circle. Nadiu Sakari was perhaps the most effective forward and drove in a number of hard shots at the Shanghai Ladies goal.

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Press—Bakerite Cage Clash Scheduled for This Morning

Massed Murder Due to Start at 11 a.m. at Navy "Y"; Impressive Press Line-Up Includes Wizard Trainer

FEATURE attraction on today's one-event sports card will be the cataclysmic cage clash between the Bakerite maidens and the demons of the Press, scheduled—somewhat hopefully—for 11 a.m. at the Navy Y.M.C.A. When it is revealed that the pen-wielders are willingly subjecting themselves to this frightful risk of death in its most unpleasant form without the incentive of free beer, the dauntless spirit of Shanghai's sportswriters will—it is hoped—meet with the just recognition it deserves.

Undismayed by the thought of what the future may hold in store for them, the Press squad are reported to be in the best of spirits (expensive, but worth it) and are facing today's flightful fracas with their usual sunny optimism. Now that it is too late for the sylphs to do anything about it, it can be safely revealed that the five chosen martyrs have been under the strict supervision and training of none other than that accepted master in the art of fabrication, Charles Fotheringay Rottingham Shaw, known as "Rotten" to his many cronies. Rottingham's long and varied connection with the intricacies of basketball dates back many years to a wintry afternoon in Saratoga Springs having borrowed the money from the office-boy, he occupied an inexpensive seat in the back row of the stalls and saw a flash of the murderous geme in the News Reel—after which he had to be carried out.

Since that time Rottingham has taken specific care to confine his connection with the pastime to an awed study of its activities in the columns of the Press. Now, gray-haired and lined but still bearing up under the strain, he is admitted to have an incredible knowledge of what is called, among other things, basketball. The team simply call him "Maestro" and leave it at that. In addition to being the trainer and manager, he also keeps what petty cash he can manage to get hold of.

The Press line-up for today is an impressive one. The forwards will consist of "Razz" Raven, the Tuscaloosa Totem-Pole, "Bring 'Em Back Dead" Botelho and Berglof, the Brutal Bombshell, while behind them (way behind) will be the two guards, Major Amos "Hurricane Hoople" Frank and "Basher' Brown, the Bermondsey Battler. As can be seen, the squad is an evenly-balanced one in which capacity is nicely blended with a long reach. In addition, the men are all ambidexterous and are not choosey about the potions they imbibe. As further evidence of their prowess, it will be noted that Berglof yesterday received one vote for the centre-forward position in the popularity contest for the All-Shanghai soccer XI—truly a remarkable achievement when it is born in mind that the Brutal Bombshell is not a footballer.

The Bakerite sirens have announced that their team will be "Kiddo" Oliveira (captain). Cissy Betines and Lily Chao in the forward line, Lilia Campos and Babs Encarnacao as backs, and three reserves—Thelma Betines, Loretta Allemao and Laurita Diniz. They are all good talkers and have no equals when confronted by a box of chocolates.

Chief official will be Robinson, of the Fourth Marines, who has already had his eyes threatened by one of the sweet girls. After today's schemozzle he is expected to be blind, deaf and a cripple for life.

Commercial League Ten Pin Records and Averages

Handicaps and Schedule for Tomorrow's Session; Roles at Top of Individual Averages with 183

THE statistics released by the Shanghai Bowling Congress on the Commercial Ten Pin League series places the 1st Battalion of U.S. Marines at the top of the standings in the Hardwood Section with the Telephones and Post-Mercury squads tied for first place in the Softwood loop. Roles of the Marines leads the individual averages on a tally of 183.4/7 with Brown of the Shipping and Insurance "five" a couple of points behind.

Several close and deciding matches are down for tomorrow's session. In the Softwood division, the Post-Mercury will meet the 2nd Battalion and the Telephones will be seen in a battle-royal with the Texaco Stars.

The schedule for Monday follows:—

HARDWOOD SECTION

Headquarters, U.S.M.C. *v.* 1st Battalion USMC at Foreign "Y"

G-Men *v.* Accountants at Columbia Country Club

Ch. of Commerce *v.* Engineering at American Club.

Automobiles *v.* Texaco Bears at Columbia Country Club.

SOFTWOOD SECTION

2nd Batt. USMC. *v.* Post-Mercury at Marine Club.

Telephones *v.* Texaco Stars at Race Club.

A.A.U. *v.* Chase Bank at Foreign "Y"

Transportation *v.* Ship. & Ins. at American Club

The records, averages and handicaps follow:—

Hardwood Section

I. TEAM STANDINGS

	Games W.	L.	Pct.	Pin Fall Incl H'cap
1st Batt. USMC	7	2	.777	8310
Accountants	6	3	.666	8386
J. Ch. Commerce	5	4	.555	8209
Engineering	4	5	.444	8251
Headquarters USMC	4	5	.444	8207
G-Men	4	5	.444	8047
Texaco Bears	3	6	.333	8310
Automobiles	3	6	.333	8190

Softwood Section

Telephones	6	3	.666	8408
Post Mercury Co.	6	3	.666	8188
2nd Batt. USMC	5	4	.555	8099
Texaco Stars	5	4	.555	8039
Shipping & Insurance	4	5	.444	8253
Transportation	4	5	.444	8089
Chase Bank	3	6	.333	8051
A.A.U.	3	6	.333	7771

LEAGUE RECORDS

Individual Single (Incl. Handicap) Lurton	283
Individual Triple (Incl. Handicap) Brown	691
Individual Average, McMahon	183 4/4
Team Single (Incl. Handicap) Automobiles	1063
Team Triple (Incl. Handicap) Automobiles	3011

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

	H. Single Incl H'cap	H. Triple Incl H'cap	Earned Pin Fall	Average	H'cap
1ST BATT. USMC					
Roles	222	614	1541	171 2/9	15
Mudry	219	611	1503	167	18
Nelson	220	501	833	166 3/5	16
Long	251	576	1467	163	22
Freeny	202	534	647	161 3/4	22
Pickup	220	626	1367	151 8/9	30
Basiel	—	—	—	—	13
Britton	—	—	—	—	36
ENGINEERING					
Kohnert	218	611	1604	178 2/9	10
Chantural	196	562	1470	163 3/9	22
Dobrenky	223	583	1456	161 7/9	22
Swan	224	607	1409	156 5/9	26
Gallop	198	567	1337	148 5/9	33
Inwood	—	—	—	—	13
ACCOUNTANTS					
Xavier	225	599	542	180 2/3	7
Cochran	230	624	1609	178 7/9	9
Eisenhut	210	623	1545	171 6/9	14
Watton	242	617	1416	157 3/9	26
Hugrett	214	586	935	155 5/6	27
Mottu	220	575	1334	148 2/9	34
J. CH. COMMERCE					
Clark	215	594	1577	175 2/9	12
Lurton	283	680	1551	172 3/9	14
Gray	196	543	489	163	22
Quinn	221	602	1456	161 7/9	22
Perry	203	568	947	157 5/6	26
Janszen	215	570	1322	146 8/9	34
Mortimer	—	—	—	—	32
Rogers	—	—	—	—	32
AUTOMOBILES					
Bourne	213	621	1553	172 5/9	14
Huppman	227	660	1404	156	27
Ricks	218	627	1392	154 6/9	28
Laney	224	562	1173	130 3/9	48
Manney	211	578	1123	124 7/9	52
Carson	—	—	—	—	16
G-MEN					
Collins	215	571	1523	169 2/9	17
White	251	583	1223	153 7/8	30
Howes	241	646	985	140 5/7	39
Mulliner	236	548	1119	139 7/8	40
Engdahl	233	525	926	132 2/7	46
Doodha	181	—	239	126 2/5	51
Bergen	157	—	185	119 4/5	56
Cherp	186	—	214	114 4/5	60
HEADQUARTERS USMC					
Dolinsek	206	578	1606	178 6/9	9
Uhlinger	220	584	1519	168 7/9	17
Augustyn	215	602	664	166	19
Novak	219	600	1454	161 5/9	22
LeClair	220	598	1342	149 1/9	33
Forsyth	205	539	742	148 2/5	34
TEXACO BEARS					
Foyn	215	622	1527	169 6/9	16
Willis	225	626	1334	148 2/9	34
Robertson	225	568	1138	142 2/3	38
Beiling	199	561	985	140 5/7	39
Henke	232	620	957	136 5/7	42
Marshall	209	—	662	132 2/5	46
SHIPPING & INSURANCE					
Brown	236	691	1631	181 2/9	7
Gonsalves	236	589	1600	177 7/9	10
Elliott	214	571	1479	164 3/9	?
Dalton	228	679	1422	158	26
Hebel	189	547	1146	143 2/8	38
Danzy	143	—	99	126	51
TEXACO STARS					
Krause	218	599	1534	170 4/9	16
Gorman	218	604	1497	155 2/9	28
Smith	227	619	1363	151 4/9	31
Mayger	209	595	1348	149 7/9	32
Worden	208	557	1028	128 4/8	40
Shields	—	—	—	—	42
POST MERCURY CO.					
Butler	212	565	1152	164 4/7	20
Howard	238	613	1260	157 4/8	26
Wilhoit	231	599	1200	150	32
Mrantz	232	576	1195	149 3/8	33
Stagg	201	568	896	149 2/8	33
Skonberg	159	—	123	139 2/4	46
Meyer	238	669	822	137	42
Johanssen	145	—	83	105 2/4	67
TRANSPORTATION					
Polin	242	607	1520	168 3/9	17
Crow	213	599	1353	150 3/9	32
Hubert	231	604	1043	149	33
Karolitch	197	552	859	143 1/6	38
Young	205	556	857	142 5/6	38
Healey	207	539	900	112 4/8	62
Brisk	—	—	—	—	29
2ND BATT. USMC					
McMahon	231	646	1285	183 4/7	5
Taylor	206	568	1320	165	20
George	204	570	1080	154 2/7	29
McQuarry	215	536	926	154 2/6	29
Stontz	151	—	265	153 4/5	29
Marshall	184	528	755	151	31
Deerfield	200	492	899	149 5/6	32
Black	189	—	560	145	36
A.A.U.					
Lorenzen	199	570	1278	142	36
Polls	225	573	1270	141 1/9	39
Brenner	221	603	1136	126 2/9	51
Collins	208	573	910	101 1/9	71
Daetsch	182	516	840	93 3/9	73
TELEPHONES					
Cuthbert	223	604	1507	167 4/9	18
Hartnett	211	577	833	166 3/5	18
Klovekorn	211	603	1462	164 6/9	20
Poliak	238	646	1313	164 1/8	21
Souter	216	623	1201	150 1/8	32
Symons	202	538	712	118 4/6	57
CHASE BANK					
Robinson	219	617	1322	165 2/8	20
Benney	226	616	1250	156 2/8	27
Ryan	213	586	1326	147 3/9	34
Karg	193	563	943	140 2/6	40
Rauch	192	—	526	131 2/4	46
Duthie	193	—	688	114 4/6	60
Miller	167	—	439	109 3/4	64
Lamneck	—	—	—	—	28

"Have-Beens" Trounce "Midgets" at Soccer

Parents and Spectators Take on School Juniors

The Cathedral School "Midget" XI evidently has a great reputation, as, for the second time recently, the scheduled opponents have failed them. But on Saturday, after waiting fruitlessly for over half an hour, both boys and parents, of whom there were a goodly number present, decided that no more time must be wasted waiting (like Mr. Micawber) for something to turn up. So an XI of "have-beens," chosen from the spectators, doffed some of their superfluous garb and proceeded to give quite a sparkling display—too sparkling for their opponents, who may be "midgets" in years and energy, but whose size was not always reminiscent of "midgets."

Unsuspected Brilliance

The visitors, playing with the wind and with what wind they themselves had, established a good lead of four goals in the first half; in the second half, deprived of both winds, they only managed to score two more goals. This substantial victory was mainly due to the brilliant combinations on the wings, Dr. Gauntlett and H. G. Huckstep, and Major Bourne and A. T. Cox, while the inability of the boys to score was due to the powerful defence put up by J. L. Hunter and A. M. Dixon, as well as to the impenetrable and imperturbable "goalie," H. F. Baker.

The main features of the game were the duels between Dr. Gauntlett and Baeten, and the unsuspected brilliance of the visiting forwards. Goals were scored by Major Bourne (2), H. G. Huckstep (2), Dr. Gauntlett (1) and G. Beckerman (1).

The teams were:—

Visitors: H. F. Baker; A. M. Dixon and J. L. Hunter; R. R. Mitchell, R. N. Bryant and Rev. P. C. Matthews; A. T. Cox, Major K. M. Bourne, G. Beckerman, Dr. D. E. G. Gauntlett and H. G. Huckstep.

Cathedral School Midgets:—H. Woodland, A. J. Webb and A. G. Dixon; J.A.D. Hutchison, G. H. Barton and G. J. W. Baeten; C. A. L. Palmer, D. R. Gander, J. M. Cox, R. P. Bourne and C. J. Huckstep.

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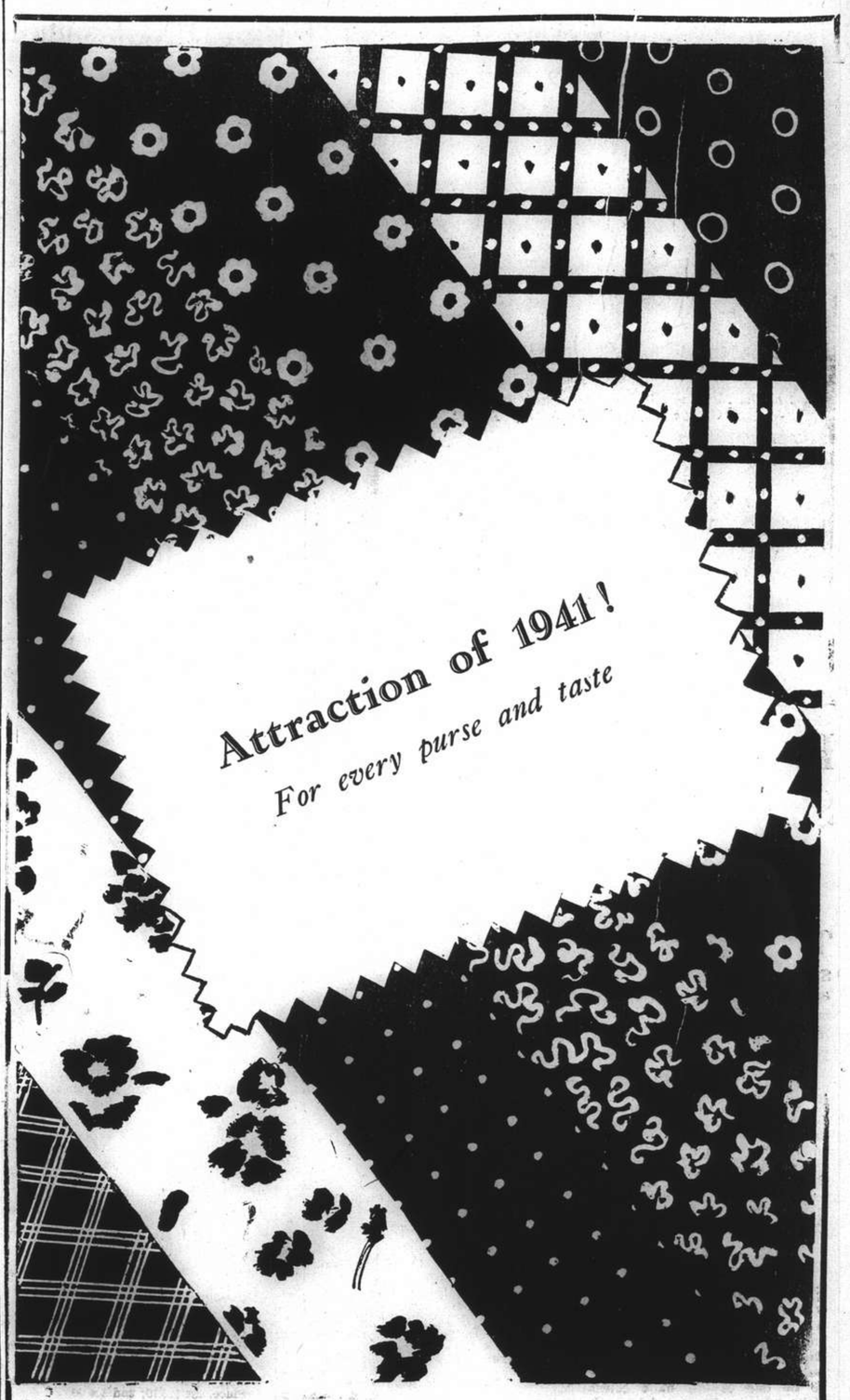

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PASSING SHOW NEWS AND NOTES

"They Drive by Night"

Current at the Nanking Theatre this picture stars Ida Lupino (above), George Raft and Humphrey Bogart.

"Boom Town"

Pictured above are the five stars at the Roxy, all too well known to mention by name.

Current Films

GRAND.—"Michael Shayne, Private Detective."—Introducing a new wise-cracking, toughand-ready sleuth to the screen in the bewildering tale of a practical joke that misfired and a detective on the spot for the crime he is out to solve. With Lloyd Nolan, Marjorie Weaver, Joan Valerie, Walter Abel, Elizabeth Patterson, Donald MacBride and Douglas Dumbrille. Opens today.

ROXY.—"Boom Town."—With such a magnificent cast as Spencer Tracy, Clark Gable, Claudette Colbert and Hedy Lamarr, this great drama provides superlative entertainment. There is action aplenty, laid against the colourful background of oil wells and oil fires, while the acting of Gable and Tracy leaves nothing to be desired, not to mention such excellent feminine support. Reviewed elsewhere.

NANKING.—"They Drive by Night."—Stirring action-packed melodrama built round the men who risk their lives nightly in America's most dangerous business, driving the trucks that eat up the country's highways at 50 m.p.h. after sundown, carrying perishable produce to distant markets and waging bitter private wars as a sideline. Starring George Raft, Ann Sheridan, Ida Lupino and Humphrey Bogart, with Gale Page and Alan Hale. Reviewed yesterday.

CATHAY.—"A Date with Destiny."—An absorbing mystery drama that abounds in question marks. What made an accomplished physician wage a murderous war on women? Why should a rich and healthy society girl dream of suicide? The answers to these and many more cogent queries add up to the year's most unusual filmplay. Starring Basil Rathbone, Ellen Drew and John Howard with Barbara Allen, Ralph Morgan, Martin Kosleck and Kitty Kelly.

METROPOL. — "Thief of Bagdad." — Peaked with all the magic, mystery and romance of "the Arabian Nights" and filmed in technicolour this dazzling page from Eastern Fantasy, with its flying horses, magic carpets and gigantic djinns easily outvies anything of the kind ever thrown upon a screen. Starring Sabu, June Duprez, John Justin and Conrad Veidt. This is the latest Alexander Korda production.

DOUMER.—"Irene."—A tuneful musicale featuring "The Girl in Alice Blue Gown" and other melodies, with beautiful dance scenes in technicolour. Anna Neagle and Ray Milland are starred, and Roland Young, Billie Burke and May Robson.

CAPITOL.—"This Man Reuter."—Colourful, dramatic and enthralling story of the genius who organized a world-wide distribution of news. With Edward G. Robinson, Edna Best, Eddie Albert and Albert Basserman.

UPTOWN.—"Spring Parade."—Starring Deanna Durbin with Robert Cummings and Henry Stephenson, including Butch and Buddy, "The Little Tornadoes." Glorious gaiety of the tempo of a romancing, entrancing and dancing Deanna in lilting, lavish entertainment.

GOLDEN GATE.—"New Moon."—A musical hit with those incomparable singing stars—Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald—teamed once again to reach new heights of success.

Films Coming

"One Night in the Tropics."—An all-star, all-entertainment cast romps through a delightfully unusual story replete with warm romance and hilarious with merry-making, and set to melodies in a gorgeous tropical environment. Starring Allan Jones, Nancy Kelly, Robert Cummings, Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, with Mary Boland, Leo Carrillo, William Frawley and Peggy Moran. Coming soon to the **NANKING.**

"Lady With Red Hair."—Packed with romance and thrills, this is the real life story of Mrs. Leslie Carter, the great tragedy queen and toast of society who created the leading role in "Zaza" and many other famous plays at the turn of the century. Starring Miriam Hopkins, with Claude Rains, Richard Ainley, Laura Hope Crews, Helen Westley, John Litel and Mona Barrie. Coming soon to the **CATHAY.**

"Second Chorus."—Boasting a better story than is usually accorded shows of this kind, this is a typical Fred Astaire Musicale, with a new and exciting partner for Fred. Packed with clever gags, tuneful melodies and spectacular ensembles, it introduces Astaire in some of the best dance numbers he has brought to the screen. Starring Fred Astaire, with Paulette Goddard, Burgess Meredith, Charles Butterworth and Artie Shaw and his band. Coming soon to the **GRAND.**

"San Francisco Docks."—Burgess Meredith, the star of the Award Winning picture "Winterset," in a melodrama of primitive love amid down-to-earth settings, with charming Irene Hervey, Barry Fitzgerald, Raymond Walburn, Robert Armstrong and Lewis Howard Soon at the **METROPOL.**

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"Judge Hardy and Son."—The Hardy films have been established as the most widely-followed series on the screen in the past few years, and this is another hit—with Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone, Cecilia Parker, Fay Holden and Sarah Haden—the stars movie-goers have learnt to love since the series first began some two years ago. Coming to the **ROXY.**

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"San Francisco's Docks"

Coming soon to the Metropol are Burgess Meredith, Irene Hervey, Raymond Walburn and Robert Armstrong.

"A Date with Destiny"

Rathbone and Ellen Drew have the outstanding roles at the Cathay Theatre today.

"Merrie England" On Saturday

As Good Queen Bess Visited Tilbury 350 Years Ago So Queen Elizabeth Today

Everyone knows that Edward German's famous light opera, "Merrie England," is being presented at the Lyceum Theatre on March 29, 31, and April 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 at 9 p.m., with a matinee performance at 3 p.m. on April 5, but few have probably realized how appropriate is the choice of the A. D. C. in presenting this particular opera at this time.

Judging by the heavy booking a very large sum will be given to the British War Funds, but even were the ultimate result not to show a large return, the expenditure would, it is held, be fully justified, for although "Merrie England" can by no means be termed propaganda, it is about as fine a piece of moral encouragement and inspiration as any play in the English language.

Its lines may not have the beauty of Shakespeare's, but its songs are set to tunes as rousing as the patriotic music of Elgar, Sibelius and Wagner, although in the lighter vein of Sullivan. The songs, "The Yeomen of England" and "While I My Watch am Keeping" have words as well suited to the Home Guard of 1941 as to the "Elizabethans" who sing them here.

Indeed, there is much that is synonymous between our brave present years and the day of good Queen Bess. Ponder on these words she spoke, through her Parliament, 350 years ago:

"I fear not all his threatenings; his great preparations, and mighty forces do not stir me..... I doubt not but, God assisting me, upon Whom I always trust, I shall be able to defeat him and overthrow him, for my cause is just."

Those are not fictional words from "Merrie England," but the words actually spoken by a Queen who later rode to Tilbury to praise the courage of her men, just as today another Queen Elizabeth drives to Tilbury to praise the courage of her people.

Elizabethan Only in Period

For those who have no prior knowledge of "Merrie England" let them be assured that it is only Elizabethan in period, not in writing. This assurance may be necessary in that the audience which sits and enjoys such as "The Shoemaker's Holiday," the music of Purcell and even the plays of the immortal Bard of Avon himself, is very different to the audience

Schiebirth

Miss Margaret Sinclair

To Appear on Saturday in the Lyceum Theatre

of Gilbert and Sullivan, to the works of whom "Merrie England" may be likened. Nor does one find here the bawdy-house humour of the Elizabethans, for "Merrie England" is indeed a very innocent frolic, and most suitable for old and young alike.

With music by Edward German and lyrics by Basil Hood, a combination which also produced "Tom Jones" and "A Princess of Kensington," this play was first presented at the Savoy Theatre, London, on April 2, 1902, with that favourite Savoyard Henry Lytton in the part of Essex, and Walter Passmore as Silas Simkins, since when it has been a favourite of amateur operatic societies and their public ever since.

The large cast, including an exceptional number of soloists, and the tremendous number of special costumes required, has meant a very real effort and many hours of work. Those who have given up so much time to this production have the satisfaction of knowing that they have contributed to Shanghai's War contribution in no small manner.

The production is under the patronage of Sir Clark Kerr, H. M. Ambassador to China, and Lady Clark Kerr and Mr. A. H. George, H. M. Ambassador to China, and Lady Clark Kerr and Mr. A. H. George, H. M. Consul-General.

To Dine and Dance

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TOWER.—Night club, Tower orchestra. Larissa Anders. Nightly excepting Sunday.

CONTRACT

By Albert H. Morehead

(In the New York "Times")

A singleton trump is considered a poor opening lead in nearly every case, and the opening lead of a singleton trump honour is, usually, even worse. Therefore when a good player opens a trump honour he is usually making a deceptive lead and the declarer should be wary. An attempt at deception by the West player failed dismally in the following hand:

	♠ — ♡ K 9 5 ◇ 8 5 2 ♣ A J 9 7 6 5 3	
♠ A K 9 6 4 ♡ Q J 3 ◇ 10 3 ♣ Q 10 4	NORTH	♠ 8 7 5 ♡ 6 2 ◇ Q J 9 7 6 4 ♣ K 2
	♠ Q J 10 3 2 ♡ A 10 8 7 4 ◇ A K ♣ 8	

This is another hand from a duplicate pair tournament, West being the dealer and North-South vulnerable. The bidding developed as follows:

West	North	East	South
1 Spade	2 Clubs	Pass	2 Spades
Pass	2 Clubs	Pass	3 Hearts
Pass	4 Hearts	Pass	Pass
Pass			

South's two-spade bid would ordinarily be made to show the ace or a void in spades, together with a very strong hand. South's holding did not justify that exact bid, but he was anxious to give North information on his strong hand and chose the only bid he was confident North would not pass.

West felt sure that South would have some opportunity for cross-ruffing and decided that he must open a trump. He chose the jack of hearts, hoping this would lead South to think he did not have the queen. The actual effect of the lead was to make South sure that West did have the queen of hearts. The first lead was won with the heart ace, a club led to the ace and a club ruffed and then a heart led toward the dummy. When West played his low heart South finessed dummy's nine. It held the trick, permitting South to rug another club, to enter dummy finally with the king of hearts and to make six-odd.

Boldness Makes a Slam

The hand that follows was played at the end of a team-of-four match. The South player felt pretty sure that his side was a few hundred points behind therefore he stretched to six hearts despite the fact that North's club response was anything but encouraging. His optimism was justified when he found a brilliant way to fulfill his contract.

	♠ 10 8 7 ♡ K 2 ◇ 10 7 5 4 ♣ A Q 6 5	
♠ J 6 3 ♡ 9 3 ◇ K J 9 6 ♣ K 9 8 4	NORTH	♠ Q 9 5 4 ♡ 7 5 ◇ Q 2 ♣ J 10 7 3 2
	♠ A K 2 ♡ A Q J 10 8 6 4 ◇ A 8 3 ♣ —	

With South the dealer and neither side vulnerable, the bidding was:

South	West	North	East
2 Hearts	Pass	3 Clubs	Pass
3 Spades	Pass	4 Hearts	Pass
6 Hearts	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the nine of hearts, fearful of any other lead. Declarer realized one discard on the ace of clubs would do him no good and decided to make a desperate play for his slam. He won the first trick with the king of hearts and boldly led dummy's remaining trump. Dummy had not a single entry left and South well knew that he might never get back to obtain a discard on the ace of clubs. But the very boldness of his plan made its success probable. As South had hoped, neither opponent suspected that he was void of clubs. Their task in discarding on the hearts was magnified in view of this misconception.

Declarer ran his hearts stolidly, dummy discarding the spade and one diamond, and very soon East and West felt the pressure, West felt obliged to hold three clubs for fear of establishing the entire suit for dummy. He decided also to hold two spades and could therefore hold only two diamonds.

Having obtained the necessary diamond discards from the opponents, South laid down the ace and another diamond. That cleared the suit and dummy's ten became an entry for a discard of the losing spade on the ace of clubs.

South's line of play was the best available, since cashing the ace of clubs at once would have warned the opponents of his distribution and would have resulted in defeat.

Test Questions

With North-South vulnerable and East-West not vulnerable, and with East holding the following hand:

♠ Q 6 4 2 ♡ 10 9 5 ◇ K Q 10 6 4 ♣ 3

what should East do in each of these bidding situations:

South	West	North	East
1 club	1 spade	(1) 2 hearts	2 spades
4 hearts	Pass	Pass	?
		(2)	
Pass	1 spade	Double	3 spades
Pass	Pass	4 hearts	?
		(3)	
1 heart	Double	1 spade	2 diamonds
3 hearts	Pass	4 hearts	?

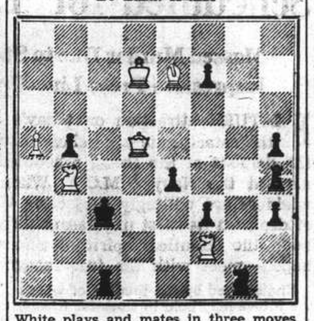
(1) Four spades. West should have some sort of short suit in hearts, and at four spades East-West should go down no more than 100 or 300 points, while there is little promise of defeating four hearts. (2) Pass. East has slightly more than his shut-out jump raise indicated, but North may have made a gambling four-heart bid and West may be able to defeat it. East knows that West, if he has no defence against a heart game, can bid four spades if he wishes. (3) Pass. If West has a strong hand there is a good chance of defeating the opponents' contract, while any game bid by East would almost surely be defeated.

One of the most difficult technical jobs ever tackled by Hollywood is that of creating the first dual role in technicolour—Don Ameche's for 20th Century-Fox "The Road to Rio," in which he co-stars with Alice Faye and Carmen Miranda. The problem which faces chief cameraman Leon Shamroy and technicolour cameraman Ray Rennahan is that of making the densities and colour qualities of each of Ameche's two characterizations match exactly when they appear together on the same piece of celluloid film.

CHESS

PROBLEM No. 257

By Brian Harley



White plays and mates in three moves.

Answer to Problem No. 256

White: K on QB1; Q on KKt8; R's on QR6, KR5; B on Q4; Kt on QR4, P's on QKt4, Q3, K3. Black: K on Q4; Q on KKt4; R on K3; B on Q3; Kt's on QKt, Q8; P's on K2, KR3. Two moves. Key B — R8. Variations: 1. Q — K4, 2. Q — Kt2; 1. Q else, 2. P — K4; 1. Kt — B3, 2. Kt — Kt6; 1. QKt else, 2. Q — R8; 1. KKt any, 2. Kt — B3; 1. B any, 2. Q × R. Attractive long-range Key, to meet the defence Kt × P, Q — K4 makes a star variation, full of action and reaction: she corrects the general error of unpinning the KP by shutting off the B's control of her Q8; in so doing she opens a line for the White Q, and at the same time interferes with her Black R (unpinned in the mate, 2 Q — Kt2). Simple line-openings are allowed by the Black QKt and B, while Kt — B3 introduces a White self-interference mate, allowed by self-block.

The following submitted correct solutions to Prob. No. 256:—E.A.P.

From Wellington Championship

Queen's Gambit

	White	Black
A	W. Gyles	R. G. Wade
1.	Kt — KB3	P — Q4
2.	P — Q4	Kt — KB3
3.	P — K3 (a)	B — B4
4.	P — B4	P — B3
5.	Kt — B3	P — K3
6.	P × P	BP × P
7.	Q — R4 + (b)	Kt — B3
8.	Kt — K5	Q — B2 (c)
9.	Kt — Kt5	Q — Kt3
10.	B — Q2	B — K2 (d)
11.	Kt × Kt	P × Kt
12.	R — R5	Q — Kt2
13.	Kt — B7 +	K — Q2
14.	Kt × R (e)	Q × P
15.	Q — Q1	Kt — K5
16.	B — K2	B — QKt5 +
17.	B × B	Q × B + (f)
18.	K — B1	R × Kt
19.	P — B3	Kt — Q7 + (g)
20.	K — B2	R — QKt1
21.	Q — QB1	Kt — Kt8
22.	R — Q1	Kt — B6
23.	R — K1	Kt — Kt8 (h)
24.	K — Kt1 (i)	P — QR4 (j)
25.	P — QR3 (k)	Q — Kt6
26.	P — K4!	P × P
27.	R × Kt	Q × R
28.	Q × Q	R × Q
29.	R × R	P × P (l)
30.	R — Kt7 +	K — B1
31.	B — R6	B — Q6 (m)
32.	R × P + (n)	B × B
33.	P × P	Resigns.

(a) The Colle system, which allows Black's QB to develop without trouble. White usually continues 4. B — Q3, the text (P — B4) being opposed to the defensive nature of the system. (b) Better Kt — K5, reserving options for the Q. (c) He must have thought White's Kt — Kt5 to be premature. Q — Kt3 was correct. (d) Inducing Mr. Gyles to dissolve his Q side combination, otherwise, Black will Castle. (e) Allows Black a strong counter-attack. Instead, R — B1 should keep his advantage; it threatens 15. B — R6 or R × P, both fierce. If in reply P — QR3, 15. Kt × R is perfectly safe; if 14. ... B — QKt5 +, 15. B × B, K or Q × Kt, 16. B — Kt5 should win. (f) Curious change of scene: Black attacks on the Q side. (g) With a P and position-grip for the exchange he should not lose; that should content him. The text (instead of Kt — Q3) seems an attempt to win. (h) Uncalled for repeat. (i) Cunning play, its true inwardness appearing several moves later. (j) Abandoning the last chance of saving his Kt. The waters are too deep Mr. Wade. (k) The Q must be driven before P — K4, to avoid Q × QP +. (l) If the K were on B2, P — K6 + would win. (m) Last hope. (n) The simple way; if R — Kt5 +, K — B2, 33. R × P, K — Kt3, not so easy for White.—"Observer."

Pre-war Vienna dropped in on Hollywood as opening scenes for Columbia's "They Dare Not Love" got under way. Starring George Brent and Martha Scott, the exciting love story has its beginning in Austria at the time just preceding Hitler's occupation. From there the story progresses to America and activities of Germany's Gestapo agents. Brent plays an Austrian prince, while Miss Scott is a titled Austrian girl.

Dancing or Acting

There is something like a perennial controversy over Ginger Rogers. Should she stay and dance with Fred Astaire or should she strike out on her own as an actress? Advocacy on both sides is heated. Those who are for dancing insist that their idol would never have reached the full limelight unless she had been partnered with the agile Astaire.

On the other side are those partisans who declare that Miss Rogers as a dancer and nothing else is an actress wasted. One sees the difficulty. An actress who is also a singer can generally manage to introduce a song or two into the most dramatic role, but few women in every day life can turn suddenly to the kind of dancing in which Miss Rogers has been wont to indulge, nor does the habitat of drama provide the necessary floor space.

Perhaps the difficulty might be overcome by alternation. There a new difficulty suggests itself. A dancer, to keep in form, has to practise strenuously every day and long terms of strenuous dancing are inclined to interfere with the cultivation of histrionic gifts. Clearly, the dancer-actress's life is not a happy one.

"Tortilla Flat" Coming

John Steinbeck's seriocomic, semi-bawdy pictorial presentation of life among the Mexicans of an old California town. "Tortilla Flat," is ready for filming with Spencer Tracy as the philosophic Pilon.

There is quite a story behind the purchase and preparation of this leisurely tale. Many have wondered what happened to it, in view of the interest in Steinbeck created by "Of Mice and M n" and "The Grapes of Wrath."

What happened to "Tortilla Flat" sometimes happens to other stories in Hollywood: They get shelved because someone fails to see their possibilities. It requires an enthusiasm, such as Benjamin Glazer had for this story, to get them onto the screen.

Glazer read "Tortilla Flat" soon after it came out and induced Paramount to buy it. Steinbeck, more than somewhat in need of funds at that moment, sold the screen rights for $4,000. Later, the movies paid $30,000 for "Mice" and $75.000 for "Grapes."

Glazer wrote a screenplay, but Paramount believed it was too unconventional and that moreover, it contained many objectionable elements. Glazer offered to relieve Paramount of the property and gave the studio what it had paid Steinbeck. Whereupon, Glazer took the story and his treatment to MGM.

Topper Returns Again

There is to be another Topper sequel, but this time Constance Bennett will not be in it. This is her own choice as she says that she needs a rest. Therefore, her spectral place will be taken by Joan Blondell who is the choice of Hal Roach, producer. These substitutions are rather puzzling specially for those who have been accustomed to seeing and looking for one familiar impersonation.

But it is probable that the Bennett family will not be out of it. Roach has offered the romantic lead to Joan Bennett, who is hesitating about acceptance. It may be remembered that she protested publicly about certain ways of advertizing "The Housekeeper's Daughter," for which she held Hal Roach responsible. The chief offence was contained in the lines suggesting that, in the picture, Miss Bennett "did things she didn't oughter." This, she contended, would prejudice her in the minds of the women's clubs of America.

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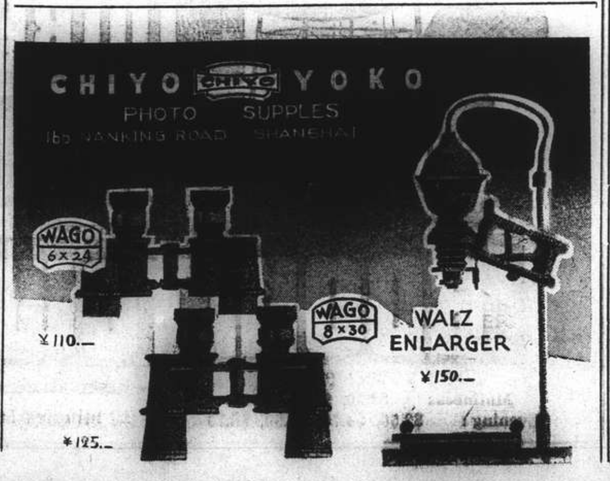

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Family Secrets

"I'M not half good enough for you."

"Why, Bill, you talk just like one of my own family!"

* * *

She Wouldn't

COP: Why didn't you get out of the lady driver's way?

Pedestrian: I didn't know what she was driving at.

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He Who Hesitates

YOUNG Man (entering jewellery store): I, er, um, say, ah—

Jeweler (to clerk): Bring me that tray of engagement rings.

* * *

Oh!

"BEFORE you kiss me again I think I ought to warn you my father will be home in a few minutes."

"And what will that make me?"

"My husband."

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Riding High

"DON'T you think it's silly for that fat assistant director to hire a saddle horse?"

"Gosh, yes! Why doesn't he get on to himself."

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Patiently Waiting

OFFICER (to man pacing sidewalk at 3 o'clock in the morning): "What are you doing here?"

Gentleman: "I forgot my key, officer, and I'm waiting for my children to come home and let me in."

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Flattered

THE new traffic cop had been told by his inspector to overtake and stop a speeding car. Ten minutes later he rang up to report: "Car was being driven by an actress. I stops her, pulls out my notebook. She snatches it, writes her autograph and leaves me standing."

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Oddments

BARBARA bets that the only exercise some chaps get is chinning at the bar.

"You poor fellow," said the lady, "I'll bet some whiskey you drank is responsible for you lying here in the gutter." And the drunk replied. "Yeah, y'r right, lady. It made me inshult that big bruisher who jusht walked away!"

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Find Them Yourselves

THE following recent misprints are from London papers:

"Daily Telegraph:" "The only form of hearing was a gas ring."

"Daily Express:" "The judge said the case would have to be retired."

"News Chronicle:" "Sometimes we sit and talk for an hour without speaking."

"Star:" "Consider the case of the muffin man. He can no longer ring his bell in case he is arrested as an invasion."

"Evening News:" "Gorilla warfare suits them, and they can live for a week on bread and olives, or cheese if they can get it."

"Daily Worker:" "At this, Mr. W. protested strongly, whereupon a policeman was called, and he was given in change."

"Sunday Express:" "The Air Force instructors have to be real workers. A glance at the schedule, starting at 6.30 in the yawning, proves that point."

"Daily Mail:" "It is today the decisive factory in his fate.

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Marmaduke's Column

(The Journal of a London Sub-Editor's Youthful Son)

It's supprizing to trace the history of a news item from start to finnish. Here is some idea of the Life Story of a News Story:

District correspondant phones story. News Edditer immejitly sees it's good—too good, in fact, for the district man to follow up—so he sends best reporter. Reporter arives too late to get anything fresh, so he and district man adjurn to local, where district man gives reporter latest addisions to story. On return journey reporter writes up story and expence-sheet.

Back at the office, reporter types out story in crisp, human style, and passes it to News Edditer. News Edditer has forgot about it, so he drops it in Cheif Sub's basket.

Cheif Sub unearths story, folds it up and throws it at head of henchman further down the table. Henchman awakes with a start and vigorously proseeds to sub story. After writeing witty hedlines, passes story back to Cheif Sub who, after glansing at it, bellows "Boyai." A boyai appeers as if by madgic, and transports story to comp-room.

Head printer hands story to lino opperater who commenses setting, wundering why the heck sub-eddliters can't write cleerly. Printer returns hedding to sub, saying it "won't go." Sub re-writes hedding, not so witty this time, with Printer's beery breth scorching his neck and telling him how many letters of 24pt. Century will fit a 12em colum.

Story is at last proofed and goes to Reading Dept. Reader scans it and, unabel to make sence of half of it, returns coppy to sub with a query. Query settled, revise proofs reach News Room where baffled reporter puzzles over it, trying to reckonise the story he wrote.

Press time is aproaching and story goes on main news page, top of colum. Sudden change of mind on part of News Edditer cauzes sudden remake-up, and story is pushed down colum, with 18pt. head insted of 24pt. Sub writes new hedding.

Death of Queen Anne, suddenley released by Minnistry of Information, cauzes anuther remake-up, and story is lifted out on to overmatter galley. Scurry of scribes write Queen's obit, while Cheif Sub writes streemer: "Queen Anne Dead—Officiel."

Edditions come, and edditions go, but our story remanes on the overmatter galley for ever. But not at the rivel office, for that paper is running same story on front page with 36pt. d.c. hedding.

Edditer in Cheif, with coppy of rivel rage in hand, plaintivly asks why dident we have that story? Isent there anyone on our staff who knows a news story when seen?

In case you're intrested, the story was about two lifelong frends who became estranjed becos one picked up the other's false teeth in error when leeving their air-raid shelter one dark morning, and when challenjed he knashed his frend's false teeth at him.—MARMADUKE.

Wusih Record Of Longevity

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SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Wusih, Mar. 16.

Last week there was held in Wusih a meeting for old men. Three noteworthy specimens of old age were exhibited. One old gentleman, said to be 108 years old, was carried in from the country, practically helpless. His son, reputed to be 90 years of age, came along and a grandson, of a mere 70 years also attended. If true, this is a very remarkable record of longevity. The most ancient one's memory, if still active, would go back before the Taiping Rebellion, he having been born in 1834 or three years after Frederick Townsend Ward was born. There are said to be six generations living in the family home.

Thus he was born shortly after Mr. Lindsay and the Rev. Charles Gutzlaff visited Shanghai in the ship Lord Amherst, and long before Vice-Admiral Sir William Parker's fleet "visited" Shanghai, this being followed shortly by the Treaty of Nanking and the opening of Shanghai to foreign trade.

It is sad to see the state of foreign trade in the interior today. What there is of it is tight in Japanese hands and the doors opened by the Treaty of Nanking in 1842 were closed by the Treaty of 1939.

Rice today in Wusih is $90 a picul, the local unit of measure weighing less than that of Shanghai. Anthracite coal is $300 a ton, firewood $3.50 to $4 a load, and all other supplies are proportionately high.

Communist Stragglers Active

Country people coming from the districts northwest of this city report that a group of the New Fourth Army, which has not been liquidated, is still causing considerable trouble. One report claims that 10,000 of these men are in the county and that fighting is going on constantly. More and more country people are taking refuge in the city; but this is true of the immediate suburbs also. Most well-to-do families have moved inside the walls. Even as this is written sounds of rifle fire are audible from very near. Guerilla attacks up to the city walls occur far too often for comfort.

Only last week two policemen were robbed of their rifles just outside the East Gate. They rushed back to the station, re-armed themselves and went out in pursuit of the guerillas. Not finding them, they are said to have stopped the first man they met in a foreign overcoat and shot him. He proved to be a lime merchant from Ihing and no guerilla.

The American community of Wusih has diminished by 33.1/3 per cent., as the Misses M. M. Rue and M. C. White of the Southern Methodist Mission have left. Miss Rue has sailed for America and Miss White's station has been changed.

Veteran Missionary Dies in New York

Appreciation Voiced by Co-Workers at Cheeloo U.

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Tsinan, Mar. 17.

The news of the death of the Rev. John J. Heeren in New York on February 7 reached Tsinan during the last few days. Dr. Heeren had been senior member of the Cheeloo University staff and the news brought sadness to colleagues, who were looking forward to his return from America.

The esteem in which Dr. Heeren was held was in some way reflected by the number of Chinese and foreign friends who, at short notice, attended the memorial service held in the Kumler Chapel of Cheeloo University on March 13. This service was conducted by Dr. H. P. Lair, Associate-President of the University, an old friend and fellow-student of Dr. Heeren. Dr. R. J. McCandliss sang "Crossing the Bar" and Prof. Chan Li-chih, an erstwhile student of deceased and for many years a fellow-worker at Cheeloo, gave a memorial address in Chinese.

With much training behind him, Dr. Heeren was well fitted for a position at Cheeloo University, to which he was appointed shortly after reaching China in 1911. During his time in Cheeloo he built up a well-organized Department of History and Social Science, training his own assistants and, with their help, preparing up-to-date material for students' use.

Prolific Writer

He contributed to many periodicals in China and abroad, besides collaborating with Prof. L. C. Chang in producing "A History of the Far East" in Chinese, a two-volume "Outline Atlas of Far Eastern History" (Chinese and English), and "A Source Book on Sino-Foreign Relations" (Chinese).

As a member of the American Presbyterian Mission (North) Dr. Heeren was in touch with the progress of the Chinese church, so it seemed natural that he should be requested to undertake the task of preparing a history of that mission's work in Shantung. This book, the outcome of the 75th anniversary celebrations, has recently been published under the title of "On the Shantung Front", and is well-spoken of by reviewers in religious and missionary quarters.

The Rotary movement was another of Dr. Heeren's interests. With his keen desire to forward mutual understanding between people of all nations and types, he felt that Rotary could play an important part. For several years he served the Tsinan Rotarians as their secretary.

In 1912 he married Miss Edith Weeks, a member of the English Baptist Mission. Mrs. Heeren left China with her husband nearly two years ago. They travelled via Europe in order that Dr. Heeren might see at first hand the new conditions in totalitarian countries. It was hoped that they would return to Tsinan after a normal furlough year, but ill-health and political upsets made that impossible.

The University has suffered a severe blow in the loss of such a member of its staff and the sympathy of all who knew him goes out to Mrs. Heeren in her bereavement.

Fun with Lighting Effects

Snapshot Guild

We have had a lot of fun at our house recently, taking pictures with unusual types of light and lighting. It all began with our fire-side shots—using flood bulbs tucked back in the fireplace to simulate firelight.

From these fireplace shots—they were good ones, too—we proceeded to candlelight and lamplight. For the shots by candlelight, we used real candles. Some were in branched candelabra—which are very attractive in pictures—and for one series, we arranged a birthday party with a cake and small candles. It wasn't anybody's birthday, really—but a cake had just been baked for Sunday, and we managed to borrow it.

Of course, candlelight is rather weak, so we used high speed film and time exposures. By having several candles, and placing the subjects quite near them (but not too close for safety) we were able to make exposures of ½ to 1 sec. at f/6.3. That would be two to four seconds with a box camera—and, don't forget, high speed film. Daytime film is much slower by the yellow candlelight.

We used two lamps in our lamplight pictures. One was a kerosene lamp, with an interesting old fashioned design, that we found in the attic. With that one, we got good results at the same exposures used for candlelight. The other lamp had a chimney and base, like the oil types, but was wired for an electric bulb. When Ann held the lamp, she shielded the bulb with her hand—and we concealed the electric cord, too—so the results were quite realistic.

I'm sure you'll want to try some of these shots. The nice point about them is that you can have the lamp or candles right in the picture. Sometimes, possibly, you might get a reflection spot or "flare spot" on the film—but we didn't. And anyway, the shots are so interesting they're well worth that slight risk.

Japanese Aircraft Bomb Kwangsi

Consul for France and Catholic Priest Severely Wounded; In Hospital

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

(Delayed in transit)

Wuchow, Si, Feb. 2.

News just to hand states that Lungchow, Kwangsi, on the border of Tonkin, was heavily bombed by the Japanese on January 17, and that the newly-appointed French Consul and one of the French Fathers were severely wounded and have been taken to the hospital in Langson for treatment.

Since the evacuation of the Japanese armed forces at the end of October thousands of Chinese civilians have been gradually finding their way back to their deserted dwellings. Many of these thought that the danger of aerial warfare had passed and absorbed in false security they began to repair and rebuild and settle down as if nothing serious was to happen.

The main part of the city was spared the horrors of the bombing. The section chosen for the attack was on the south side of the Tso River, where the French Consulate, the Roman Catholic church, the maritime Customs, the motor bus stations and various military barracks were situated. The loss in property damage is said to have been small, and casualties not many, but they were enough to warn the people that they must not sit down in false security but be alert and ready to flee at a moment's notice.

Meanwhile, in various districts throughout the province, the export of rice is forbidden. The grain may be carried out from country places and brought by native junk down the smaller rivers to the large marts below, but must not be transported further without a special permit from the authorities who have this matter in charge. This new legislation is at once seriously affecting the price of rice in various districts and is bound to work a great hardship to thousands of the poorer and middle classes, who even now, are at wit's end trying to devise means to keep the hungry wolf from the door.

Bombing in Western Kwangsi

Although Japanese troops have completely evacuated the province occasional bombing still continues. A short time ago Tsingsi, situated in the farther west of the province, was visited by a lone plane. After considerable reconnoitring bombs were dropped on military barracks, resulting in the destruction of part of the building and the killing of one officer and the injuring of two others. Ample warning had been given that planes were approaching, but as there had not been any bombing for a long time the soldiers paid little attention until the noise of the plane was heard and then it was too late for all to reach hiding places.

In spite of occasional bombings however, it is rumoured that the airfield in Wuchow is again to be opened and planes flying from Hongkong to Chungking are to make Wuchow a regular stop. This report cannot be confirmed, but since work of repair has begun on the field it seems probable that ere long residents will again be privileged to enjoy the conveniences afforded by this welcome change.

The route from Wuchow to Hongkong has been closed by the recent capture of Lopao, a strategic military outpost in southern Kwangtung. It is reported that there was considerable loss of life by the retreating forces who were caught by machine gun fire when trying to escape in small sampans across the river.

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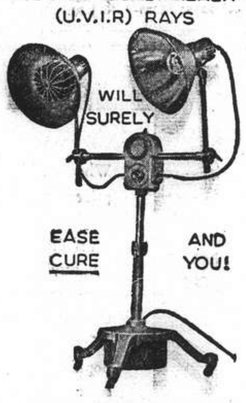

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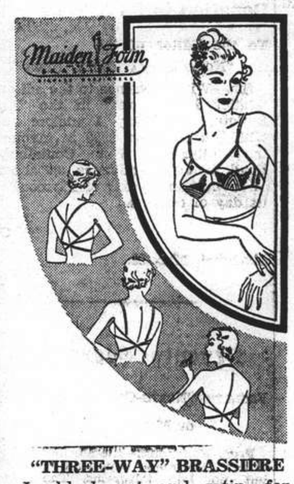

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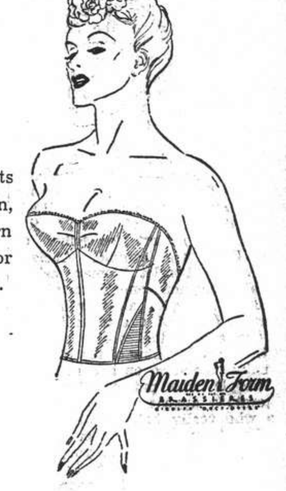

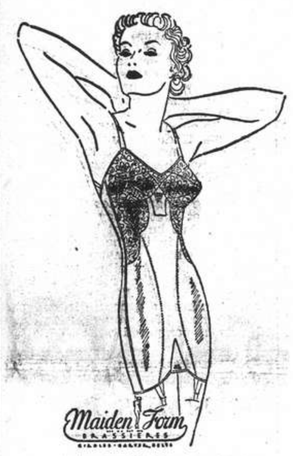

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Prophecy:
Its Great Danger

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent K. J. FAULKNER, whose criticism of my article "Fallacies in Prophecies" appeared in your issue of March 19, I would suggest that I did not place the Books of the Prophets in the Bible on a par with soothsayers, astrologers, clairvoyants, fortune-tellers, witches and wizards. I did include prophets in this list, but I was careful to add the words, "some sincere enough," a fact which your correspondent omits to mention. Even so, he appears to agree with me that most of the people in this category are charlatans.

I am not prepared to enter into a theological argument on the subject, but I should like to ask your corrrspondent how in the flood of material published on ancient prophecies and their fulfilment in present times and the future does he distinguish what he considers the true from the false? I have received quantities of literature, mostly in pamphlet or tract form, consisting mainly of a hotchpotch of fantastic allegations regarding the construction of the Pyramids, quotations from the Hebrew prophets and the Book of Revelations, and references to the mystery of the lost ten tribes of Israel, Solomon's Temple, Ancient Babylon, the Scarlet Woman, astronomical phenomena and the origin of the British people, all woven into prognostications of events indicating that the end of the world is near, that the second coming of the Messiah is imminent, and so on and so forth. The people who put out this kind of literature appear to be earnest souls who really believe all that it foretells. They are, or appear to be, every whit as sincere as your correspondent. What is one to believe?

Your correspondent also ignores the point I made regarding the impossibility of making correct prophecies regarding events in which man's or God's freewill is involved. No matter how one twists the facts about the doctrines of preordination and the possession of freewill by man, they cannot be made to harmonize. If man is a freewill agent, then what he will do is not predictable.

Both the Hebrew Jehovah, or Yawah, and the Christian God are considered freewill agents with the power of changing their minds. Logically, then, no accurate prophecy regarding a future controlled or directed by this agency can be made. If it can, then it must have been preordained and immutable, and, if it is immutable, then where does freewill come in?

Incidentally, there is a very good example in the Bible of Jehovah changing his mind and one of his prophets being discredited thereby. In the story of Jonah this prophet was told by the Lord to go to the wicked city of Nineveh and foretell its destruction in forty days. He had his doubts, ran away to sea, got swallowed by a big fish was cast up on the shore again, after which he went to Nineveh and delivered his message. He then went outside the city and sat down to watch events. The people of Nineveh heeded his prophecy, repented of their sins, put on sackcloth and ashes, and the Lord spared them. Jonah's prophecy failed to come true, for Nineveh was not destroyed. How does your correspondent fit that story in with the idea that prophecies must and will be fulfilled?

The two points which I want to drive home in regard to all this are, firstly, that the belief, which seems to be more or less universal in religious quarters, that events in the world are all preordained and immutable, having been long foretold in Holy Writ, tends to induce a *laissez faire* or fatalistic attitude of mind, which can only prove disastrous to those threatened by aggression, thereby playing right into the hands of the aggressors; and, secondly, that the present spate of prophecies concerning the imminence of dire events produces a feeling of unrest, apprehension and indecision that prepares the way for the easy victory of the aggressors over the countries they intend to attack, whether through Fifth Column activities and diplomatic offensives or direct assault with armed forces.

With regard to my article, lack of space did not permit the inclusion of reference to a contemporay scientific prophecy and its fulfilment, but I may mention it here. Recently it has been pointed out by a retired civil engineer named Edgar C. Trupp, who lives in Vancouver, that several of the planets will be in such positions during the present year that their gravitational pulls on the Earth's crust will all be in the same direction, and, thus combined, will exert considerable force. This, it is prophesied with good reason, will probably cause a series of earthquakes of unusual severity in many parts of the world. Already this year several severe earthquakes have occurred, and it will be interesting to see just how much further the prophecy concerning such seismic disturbances will be fulfilled. But the idea that their occurrence, coming at a time of world upheaval, is the fulfilment of ancient prophecies dating back to the time of the Pyramids is one that no rational mind can accept.

ARTHUR DE C. SOWERBY.

Shanghai, Mar. 20.

St. Tichon's:
Result of Soiree

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I shall be grateful if you will be so kind as to give space in your paper for publication of the results of the Soirée in aid of St Tichon's Orphanage held on Friday, February 28, at the French Club. The figures are as follows:

RECEIPTS	
Programme advertising	$3.055
Entrance Tickets	4.420
Raffle	2.957.50
Tombola	2.821
Programmes and flowers	924
Auction of dress	500
Sale of headdress by Miss Choglokova	500
Vodka, Crushon cup and bar	1.416.05
Donations	351
	16,944.55
PAYMENTS	
Municipal Taxes on Entrance Tickets	$ 443
Entertainments & Decorations	500
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French Club	787.80
Tombola and Teremok	93.50
Flowers	50
Sundries	161.20
	2.845.40
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The Board of Management and the Ladies' Committee of the Orphanage wish to convey their deep gratitude to all those who kindly gave their patronage, to those who so kindly helped in the organization and took part in the Soirée and also to those who gave donations whether in prizes or cash, who advertised in the programme, to those who sold and purchased tickets and attended the Soirée and last but not least to the Shanghai press for their most kind and generous support with publicity.

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L. SYNNERBERG.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

Scout Concert:
An Excellent Effort

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Since writing my letter of March 12, published last Thursday, it has been my pleasure to receive donations on behalf of the Funds of the British Red Cross Society and for War Distressed Scouts, which has enabled me to remit a further $390.80 to London.

This makes a total profit of $5,-641.50 made in connection with this Rover Scouts War Effort.

W. J. HAWKINGS,
Hon. Treasurer Boy Scouts Assoc.

Shanghai, Mar. 21.

Plymouth:
Donation in its Honour

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—With reference to the editorial "Rationed Pleasures" in the "Noon Bulletin" of Friday, I enclose herewith a cheque for $500 in favour of the Voluntary War Contribution Fund, being an advance on account of savings in honour of Plymouth in its day of distress.

C.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"
OF MARCH 23, 1871

From Hongkong:—the steamer Danube brings Hongkong papers to the 14th, but no late telegrams. The "Daily Press" gives the following summary of the Harbour Master's report for the year 1870. The return shows a gross increase of ships and tonnage on the year 1869 of 2,433 vessels. Of this increase, there are 20,543 tons from Great Britain, 48,349 tons from India, 28,436 tons from Siam, 86,615 tons from Japan, 321,166 tons from Macao, and 109,594 tons from ports in China and Formosa, whilst from other places, there is a decrease. Of the ships of different nations arriving at Hongkong there is a marked increase in those under the British flag, consisting of 133 vessels and 161,520 tons. The number and tonnage of vessels under the French and American flags have also increased, whilst those under the North-German flag, in consequence of the war have 87 vessels with 26,143 tons less than in 1869, and this large diminution is but the effect of a few months' hostilities. The trade in junks also shows a satisfactory increase, being now higher than it has been at any other times since the Harbour and Coast Ordinance of 1866 was introduced. The Harbour Master also congratulates the community on the fact that piracy is now seldom heard of; but he must have overlooked several cases in the harbour during the past year, which, if not piracy, were at least pretty closely allied to it, as they were undoubtedly robberies in the course of which life was sacrificed. There has been a decrease in emigration of 3,460 men, 1,549 women, 204 boys and 80 girls as compared with 1869.

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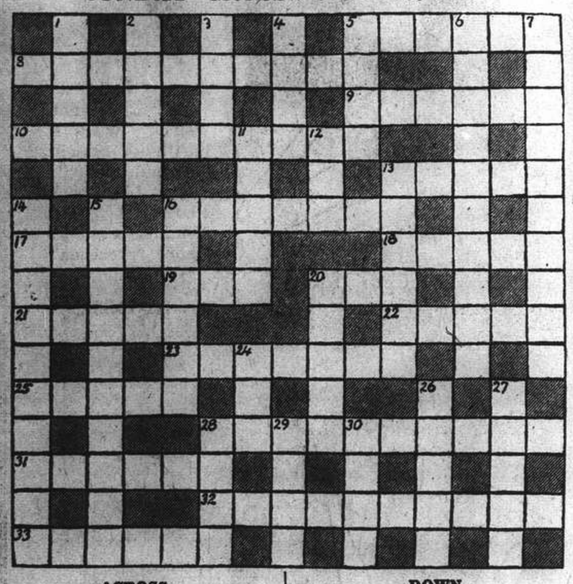

ACROSS

5 Grand
8 What fair amusement shows where to watch boxing?
9 Part of Spain without which suggests bareness
10 A number in the humble country folk make a joke
13 False
16 The cost sounds like an unknown quantity of coppers
17 Where ships may lie, oddly enough
18 Bound
19 Scottish river
20 Musical note
21 Continental port (see 28 down)
22 A light-weight in the animal world
23 A scourge of armies
25 A measure either way you look at it
28 That this comes from "quaint date" seems rather apt
31 Over-fond (What has the canine swallowed?)
32 Disloyal
33 None of your paper money, this

DOWN

1 This wood is much used by the film industry
2 Part of Asia from which miraculous food could be obtained
3 A New Zealand tree from which a tar may be obtained
4 Wine which is welcome to sailors in a storm
5 The sort of support to last?
6 The sort of fighting a girl approves of for her best boy
7 A man of healing who might be a little carved dog
11 Commonly active and cold
12 What the winner at the Casino wants who leaves his winnings on the table
13 Modern essayist and author
14 A mathematician of ancient days but we always have him at heart
15 This vehicle shows one inside it
16 Regard
20 One often sees a caravan before this inn
24 Part of 31 across
26 A hidden store
27 An upset potato to prove wrong
28 Ailment always present in 21 across
29 A President of the U.S.A.
30 Leave

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DAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 1, Penelope; 5, Mosaic; 9, Milanese; 10, Strain; Chain-mail; 14, Forum; 15, Ash; 16, Inborn; 19, After; 22, Owing; 23, Amends; Hen; 28, Knout; 29, Gyroscope; 32, Hookah; 33, Aversion; 34, Pestle; 35, ess. DOWN: 1, Pumice; 2, Nullah; 3, Linen; 4, Pasha; 6, Out of hand; 7, ty; 8, Con amore; 11, Flange; 13, Mob; 17, Nightfall; 18, Orange; 20, Cook-el, Timorous; 24, N.C.O.; 25, Motive; 27, Lemnos; 30, Revue; 31, Sprit.

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Church of the Air Programme.

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11.00 Sacred Music.
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16.00 Sacred Music.
16.30 Bible Study. (Rev. G. A. Jacobson).
19.45 "Miracles and Melodies."
20.00 XMHD. Sacred Concert
20.30 Gospel Service (Rev. F. S. Donnelsen).
21.15 Russian Evangelistic Service and Music.

Weekdays, Mar. 24-29.
7.30 Sacred Music
8.30 Thought for the Day (Rev. G. A. Jacobson).
9.00 Prayer and Music for sick
12.00 Popular Music
12.45 "N.C.D.N." News Broadcast
13.10 Devotional Service and Song
16.00 Sacred Music
17.00 Classical Music
20.00 Sacred Concert
20.30 Gospel Service and Song
21.00 "N.C.D.N." News Broadcast
21.30 Russian Service (Tuesday)

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Endeavourers Church.—Morning service will be held at 9.30 a.m. in the hall of the Shanghai Free Christian Church, 5 Tifeng Road. The speaker will be Rev. H. H. Culpepper. Mid-week prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. in room 305. Missions Building, 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road.

Community Church.—The Reverend G. Carleton Lacy, D.D., Secretary of the American Bible Society, will preach in Community Church Sunday at 11 a.m. (D.S.T.), Mr. R. V. Dent will be at the organ, The choir will sing "The Lord is my Light" by Frances Allitsen. Liza Robitchek and Hans Bergmann will sing "The Lord is my Shepherd" by Matthews.

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H.M. AIR FORCE AND NAZI'S

By OLIVER STEWART

First-line strength is the strength that can be put into battle at any moment. It is reached by adding up all the aircraft in the operational squadrons which have their crews and equipment, and stand ready to go into the air. But that does not mean that all the aircraft in the operational squadrons must be included. There are also the immediate reserves. They are aircraft which are also ready in all respects, but which are not used by the squadrons except as replacements for aircraft lost in action or by accidents. Between these immediate reserves and the stored reserves the division is a little blurred. But, generally speaking, one may say that the stored reserves consist of complete aircraft on which a certain amount of work would have to be done to fit them to take the air. The work might be nothing more than fitting two or three instruments, but it serves to give some sort of dividing line between immediate and stored reserves. So on the operational side of the air force there are these three divisions. But that does not mean that they include all the aircraft in the force. There are also the enormous numbers of training aeroplanes.

People have said that it is a mistake to talk about first-line strength because it is not a true measure of an air force, but personally I know of no better measure. It is the strength which can go into battle at any given moment, and that is surely the thing that matters. But it will be clear from what I have said that first-line strength, when correctly understood, must be a very small proportion of the total strength, including training aircraft, of an air force. And that, I think, is how we get these big discrepancies in the estimates made by different observers.

The person who says that Germany's air strength is 3,000 aeroplanes is obviously thinking of first-line strength in the narrowest interpretation, whereas the one who says it is 50,000 machines is obviously thinking of total strength. The sort of proportions I would expect would be a total of 30,000 aeroplanes for a first-line strength of about 5,000. For as about 30 or 40 men are needed on the ground for every one in the air, so a good many training and reserve machines are needed for every one first-line machine.

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And now for a guess at German air strength. I would not like to try to give a precise figure: but I would say that the total is below 35,000, and that the first-line strength is slightly above 5,000. I think it doubtful if the German first-line strength is above 6,000. One will appreciate that I am basing my guess on very incomplete information. I am going on the strength the Germans deployed in August and September and before that in France. And I am assuming that some German units are held always somewhere within easy reach of the Russian frontier.

There is, of course, always the possibility that the Germans have been holding large forces back; but that possibility is now remote. When the German air force was being shot out of the sky in mid-August and mid-September, it would have called up all the machines it could lay hands on. And in fact the use of some partly obsolete types indicated that the Germans were nearly fully extended during these two months.

Since then the German air force has been able to repair its losses and then build up its air force to a greater strength than before. The economical tactics the Germans have been employing in their attacks on this country during the past few months are an indication that big efforts to build up are going on behind the scenes. They have been hoarding their machines, sending them over only when they are fairly certain they will not be intercepted by our fighters. If German first-line air strength was 5,000 in August it is likely to be rather more than that by April.

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But the strength of the Royal Air Force is also increasing rapidly. The Royal Air Force was not eaten into so seriously during those critical months of August and September as was the German air force. It was able to make good its losses from its reserves all the time. Neither in men nor in machines did it dwindle, though its rate of growth was obviously retarded. But the essential point remains true and it is the point that must be kept in mind when considering numerical strength. It is the shape of the two curves showing the strength increase of the German air force and of the Royal Air Force.

Some time before the war began, in the greatest secrecy, the German air force was being built up. The curve showing its increase cannot be yet drawn, for we do not know exactly when the huge enemy production programme swung towards its peak. But we do know it must have been a rapidly rising curve. We also know that at this time the Royal Air Force increase rate was comparatively slow. The curve was going up, but only on a gentle slope. We were merely going through the preliminary stages of vast production. We were planning rather than producing. Germany had planned and was producing. Now the picture is rather different. Germany's production curve is nearing its peak. She can still squeeze more aircraft out of her factories every month; she can still build more factories—and is doing so. But the limit is within sight.

With us the production curve is sweeping up. It is nowhere near its peak. Indeed, if you take in United States production we still cannot see where that peak will come. Our delay in getting under way is in one way to our advantage now. Like the athlete in the race we hold something in reserve with which we can put forth a further supreme effort, whereas the enemy has already put forth nearly all his strength.

It was, of course, a frightful gamble. In August and September his air force was much stronger than ours. If we had not held him then all our production planning would have been useless and he would have overrun us. The same still is true. We must hold the enemy while the factories work up to full pressure here and in the Dominions and in the United States. And although we are a little better off for holding the enemy in the air today than last summer, the improvement is less marked than might appear at first sight for we have further commitments. We have to reinforce our air force in the Middle East and also in Greece. We have to increase the strength of the Fleet Air Arm. We have to augment the Coastal Command in order to allow it to deal with submarines and surface raiders. We have to consider our air strength in the Far East.

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I cannot even make general statements about our present air force strength. But I can say that we began the war with a first-line strength of about 3,000 aeroplanes and that our big production programme is now getting into its stride. I can also say that in the matter of trained aircraft crews we are in an even more favourable position than in the matter of aircraft. The Empire training scheme is one of those examples of forward planning which are as rare as they are valuable. We can man all the aircraft that can be produced for us. Germany's immense man-power cannot go farther than ours in the provision of properly-trained pilots and aircraft crews. We call on the men of the Dominions who, in this war as in the war of 1914-18, prove themselves to be exceptionally well adapted to air warfare. They have a sort of genius for it which, I imagine, is something to do with their individualist tendencies.

On the numerical side, then, our position is improving. We are still weaker than the enemy in numbers; but we are gaining on him and we may expect our rate of gain to increase more and more rapidly with every week that passes. In technical merit we started with marked superiority and we still hold that superiority.

I am not going to predict what the technical position will be next year. Germany has kept her new types very secret. But there is this to be remembered, that technical advances cannot be readily imitated even when the details are known.

I always remember the late Sir Henry Royce telling a lot of newspaper men all the secrets of the racing Rolls-Royce engine just before the last Schneider Trophy race. Air Ministry officials were horrified because they feared the Italians would learn these secrets; but when this point was put to Royce he said that even if the Italians knew every detail of the engine, it would take them three years to build one—and the race was to be flown the next week. That was a good point. We shall see in 1941 the fruits of research and development work that has been going on for a long time. Our engineers and designers have proved themselves once and we rely upon them to prove themselves again.

THE SPRING EQUINOX

By ARTHUR DE C. SOWERBY

Marking the entrance of the Sun into the constellation of Aries, the Ram, March 21 saw the beginning of the second quarter of what is known to the scientist as the astronomical year, which does not coincide with the year of our Western or Gregorian calendar or with the old Chinese Lunar calendar. It is the year that it takes the Earth to circle once round the Sun, and is divided as nearly as possible into four equal parts by the Winter and Summer Solstices and the Vernal and Autumnal Equinoxes.

March 21 was the Vernal or Spring Equinox, while the Chinese call *Ch'un Fen*, or the Division of Spring, and further designate as the first day of one of the 24 periods, called "Joints and Breaths," making up their Solar or Nature calendar, guiding the farmer in his ploughing, sowing and reaping. The date may be considered one of some significance, connected, as it is, with many interesting natural phenomena. It is one of the two dates in the year when night and day are of equal duration, and is also one of the two days when the Earth in its course round the Sun comes nearest to that luminary. Then, too, it marks one of the two periods when the tides of the ocean are at their highest and lowest, hence the term spring tides, as opposed to neap tides, when they are least high and least low.

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With us Westerners it is really the beginning of spring, for in countries that lie in the same latitudes as ours it is about the time when trees put forth their catkins and leaf-buds, early flowers begin to bloom, insects make their debut and frogs lay their chains or festoons of eggs in ponds and pools as they fill the air with their hoarse croaking. But here in mid-China most of these intriguing events usually occur some days or even weeks earlier.

For several years I kept a diary of natural phenomena noticed in and about my garden, as well as daily meteorological records, and by far the most interesting of these happenings had to do with the first spring-time appearance of various animals which had not been in evidence during the winter, and the first blossoming of many lovely little wild flowers that had been allowed to creep in and find a place amongst the cultivated forms. The keeping of such a Nature diary, not only provides a hobby that is hard to equal in interest, but also developes one's powers of observation, teaching one to see where formerly one was blind.

This year I have again kept such records, not so assiduously as in former years, but, nevertheless, with result which may, perhaps, be worth giving here, if only as an example of what such notes may yield, so that others may be encouraged to do the same.

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Here are the results of my observations during the first three weeks of the present month:

March 2. A bright warm day. Many insects seen in the garden, mostly dipterous flies, but also numerous honey-bees. The first toad of the season seen in the goldfish pond.

March 4. A sharp frost last night; no insects about today.

March 6. The first snowdrop in bloom.

March 7. A small brown caterpillar was observed after dark feeding upon the leaves of a hyacinth in the garden. I noticed the eaten leaves during the day, but did not see the caterpillar till nightfall.

March 8. The first dandelion in bloom. I have placed some newly caught bitterlings in my aquarium. The males are in their brilliant mating colours, with bright orange-red and black bands on their fins and their whole bodies opalescent. The females have only a black spot on the dorsal fin.

March 9. A pair of mynahs, which had been absent all winter, seen on a neighbouring roof, where they usually nest among the chimney pots.

March 10. The first bat of the season seen flying at about 6 p.m., having much difficulty in the strong southeasterly wind that was blowing.

March 11. Between midnight and 1 a.m.: a severe electrical storm occurred, with heavy rain and much thunder and lightening. Most unusual at this time of year. Hail fell at about 11 a.m., followed by a few large flakes of snow at about 1 p.m. Such weather must be bad for the fruit trees now in blossom.

March 12. Today I noticed for the first time that the weeping willows are showing green. The magnolias in neighbouring gardens have commenced to bloom.

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March 13. A partial eclipse of the Moon occurred today between 7 and 9 p.m. It was very spectacular owing to the size and colour of the Moon as a result of much moisture in the air. The usual firing of crackers by the Chinese did not begin till the eclipse was nearly over.

March 14. Today I welcomed the first butterfly of the season. It was a common white cabbage butterfly, and greedily sucked nectar from the Temple-of-Heaven, which is a close relation of the cabbage.

March 16. Daylight-saving time came into force today, and caught unawares the birds that usually gather in my garden to be fed. They were all just one hour late for breakfast.

March 17. This morning I was delighted to see a squirrel in my garden. Obviously it was one that had escaped from captivity, but it was in fine condition.

March 18. The second butterfly of the season showed up in my garden this morning. It was our local representative of the European painted-lady (*Vanessa cardui*), but was larger. This evening I hear the frogs calling for the first time this year. It is delightfully mild.

March 20. Today a *hwamei* or brown laughing thrush (*Trochalopteron canorum*) visited my garden, the first in many years.

With reference to the record regarding the occurrence of the squirrel in my garden, it may be noted that several times during the past ten years shipmunks have appeared there. As these pretty little striped ground squirrels belong to north China, and do not range south of the Yellow River, those seen in my garden must have escaped from captivity. The squirrel just mentioned, however, was, as far as I could make out, a specimen of Styan's squirrel (*Callosciurus erythraeus styani*, Thomas), which inhabits places where there are plenty of trees on the plains and in the hills to the west and south of Shanghai and in the Hangchow district. Of a greyish-brown colour, lighter below than above, with the same olive tinge that characterizes so many of the Chinese species of squirrels, it can at once be distinguished by the absence of any rufous colouring on its under parts, such as occurs in the other members of the same genus. My visitor had a fine bushy tail, and was about the size of a large common brown rat.

One way and another March is an interesting month. It was named by the Ancient Romans after Mars, the God of War, but this year something seems to have gone wrong, for Mars certainly has not favoured the Roman cause, as witness recent events in Africa and Greece. Mussolini would have been wiser had he remembered and heeded the warning given by the Oracle to Julius Ceasar, that other Roman Dictator 2,000 years ago, "Beware the Ides of March!"

Wisdom from the Weeklies

Future Status Of India Broadly, on a favourable construction, it seems that India may hope to become a Dominion, after a pattern of her own choosing, when the war is over, points out the "New Statesman and Nation." But it is obvious that if we sincerely mean to concede so much then, we ought to be willing to grant a good deal now. Indians have listened to our vague talk about the goal of Dominion status through 20 years of struggle and repression, until they are sick of the sound of the words. Congress asked plainly for the formation of a National Government now, to carry on the war as our ally and to prepare the future constitution. Our offer was not negligible, but while it did imply some growth, perhaps a considerable growth of Indian influence over our policy, it fell far short of handing over the reality of power. The Viceroy would select a number of leading Indians, to whom he would offer seats on his Council, with executive posts in some cases, perhaps (for this was not clear) in all. The Viceroy's Council is often described (as the B.B.C. described it) as a "Cabinet." That is a misleading comparison. Its members, most of them Civil Servants, are heads of departments, who form a standing committee which considers policy with the Viceroy and advises him: but it has no collective responsibility: the whole executive responsibility is centred in the Viceroy, who may reject the advice of any member as to his own department and of the whole Council on broad matters of policy. It has, of course, no responsibility to any elected body. In the enlarged Council the status of the Indian members would be no higher than that of the Civil Servants who would sit on equal terms with them round the table.

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The Haxey Hood Annual Game Despite the war, the people of Haxey in Lincolnshire have played their 600-year-old game of Haxey Hood just as usual. There's nothing like it in England or anywhere else, said Roland Whitehead, one of the players, in the "Listener." At the end of the thirteenth century the Lady Mowbray was out riding when her hood blew off, and thirteen men ran after it. There was a great scramble before the hood was restored to her, and this seemed to amuse her so much that she founded the Haxey Hood Game to be played annually on the day when it happened. Also she gave thirteen ½-acres of land on which the game was to be played. It's been going on ever since and, whatever the weather, and war or no war, the lord, the fool and the eleven boggens as well as a big crowd take part. I've been a player for fourteent or fifteen years. The lord, the fool and the eleven boggens were the titles given to the thirteen men who scrambld for her hood. The lord was the man who recovered it, the fool the chap who didn't and the boggens—well, that's evidently a name for men grovelling in mud or bog. The fool is dressed in rags and tatters, the lord wears a red coat and a hat trimmed with flowers. He carries his wand of office, thirteen willows bound by thirteen willows. The boggens wear red jerseys, and they all have a special part in the game. The game is complicated. It is played with thirteen hoods, twelve sack hoods and the sway hood which is made of leather. Led by the lord, one by one the sack hoods are thrown up into the air and scrambled for by nearly everybody, and if it is touched by a boggen it's boggened again, that is, returned to play. This goes on for roughly an hour. Then comes the great moment when the sway hood is thrown; this is the signal for the whole crowd to join in. A general cry of "sway" goes up and then the fun begins. You can easily get a broken collarbone. One year I had the clothes torn off my back and had to borrow an overcoat to get home.

'A CHINESE DIARY'

March 22.—Now that the spring is at its best, books about Nature again attract our attention. The charm of these is particularly felt when some unavoidable circumstance—pressure of office duty or an unexpected illness, for example—prevents our going into the country. Personally on such occasions I am fond of reading the works of such writers as W. H. Hudson and Richard Jefferies, who appeal to the mind through their ability to convey their personal feelings in such an intimate way that the reader feels as though wandering with the author through woods and fields, or wherever the latter happens to take him. In addition to these some Chinese books deserve notice: specially the "Notes on Gardening" by Li Lih-oong of the Ching Dynasty, and "Poems" by Tao Yuan-ming, famous for their descriptions of rural beauty. Essays on individual flowers and plants, notably the bamboo, orchid and chrysanthemum, may be found in the complete works of other distinguished Chinese writers: these are usually written in a charming style, and with a thorough knowledge of the thing described, so that when reading of a certain flower, one could almost smell its fragrance. "Chun Fang Pu," or "A Record of Fragrant Things," a book written by Wang Ziang-tsing of the Ming Dynasty and later enlarged under the auspices of the Emperor Kang Hsi, contains much interesting information on vegetables, grasses, flowers, fruit and timber trees, fishes and cranes, and kindred subjects; but being mainly technical in character, it is apt to be neglected by the ordinary reader. On the whole, however, it must be admitted that as far as books on Nature are concerned, our preference is undoubtedly for the English authors, whose writings are often the result of years of painstaking observation, and consequently are of permanent interest. I can still recall very vividly my impressions on reading Hudson's "A Traveller in Little Things" long ago in Shaoshing when I was laid up with typhus for nearly five weeks. It was in the middle of March, with everything outside my house looking as fresh as the spring; and as I was feeling very impatient, I amused myself with this book alone during my convalescence. Indeed, such was the charm which it exercised over my mind that the very names of the places mentioned in its pages sounded sweetly in my mental ear. It was at that time that I began to read books about Nature with real enthusiasm.—C.S.W.

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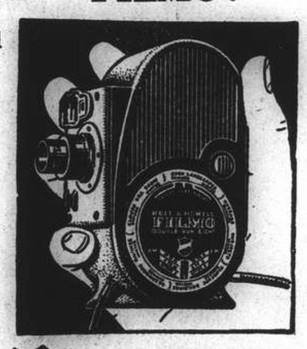

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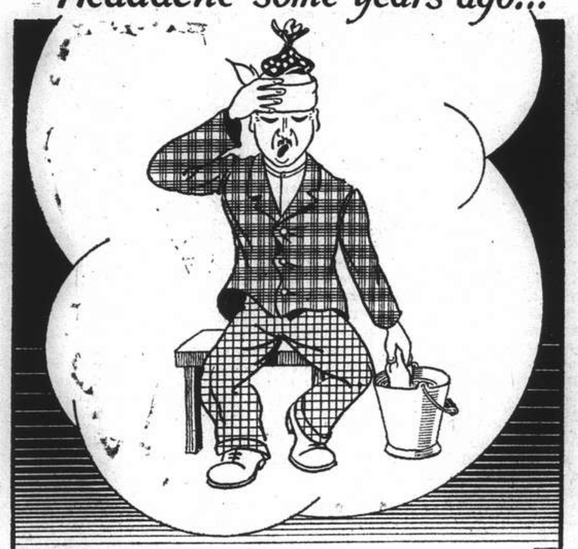

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Romance and Reality

in Shanghai by Ann Sterling

SUMMER time no longer is a novelty in Shanghai, although it created consternation among the city's four and a half million last year.

After all, a nation with a recorded history of 6,000 years ought to know what time it is.

A cynical observer remarks that as far as its largest city is concerned it doesn't know the time and never can find out—except by phoning the Telephone Company. Is this why the additional phone call total is increasing in most households?

A stroll along our principal thoroughfares, dotted with clocks that rarely keep accurate time, reminds us of the fantastic clockmaker's shop in the nursery rhyme with hundreds of timepieces trying to evade mechanically the inexorable movements of the universe.

Anyhow, the moguls of the public utility companies are in accord with the moguls of the Kiangse Road brain trust that restricted fuel supplies demand the change.

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RUGGED INDIVIDUALS

Incidentally, the Customs clock and the Post Office clock, ruggedly individualistic, continue to keep faith with the sun. We remember last year that the Post Office clock finally began to conform—delay said to have been due to lack of official notification of this important interference with the world's circuit of the sun.

As for the Customs clock—that giant timepiece continued a source of annoyance until autumn. And its spirit of co-operation is no more apparent right now.

Our night hawks report that Shanghai's lights are dimming hourly, as the garish Neon signs flicker off to save power. Perhaps we're due for a blackout. The "shape of things to come"—and all that sort of thing.

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AT TEA-TIME

Miss Betty Harrop, who is leaving with her mother, Mrs. K. Harrop, for Australia early next month, is being widely entertained before she sails.

On Tuesday, Miss Harrop was honour guest at a tea given by Mrs. Stella Flook. Guests who gathered around the tea-table—with its chocolate *bon-voyage* ship—included Miss Joan Donnelly, Mrs. Beryl Mayne, Miss Popje Kleyn, Miss "Pat" Cobbett, Mrs. Alison Fowler, Mrs. Joan Whipps, Miss Kitty Sharp, Mrs. Mila Clare and Miss Valdene Thomson.

Among the numerous affairs in honour of Miss Harrop is the tea to be given by Mrs. John A. Clare on March 26.

By the way—Miss Harrop's brother, Mr. Gordon Harrop, recently joined H.M. Navy in Hongkong.

Two-Some At Gymkhana *N.C.D.N.*

Mrs. H. L. Bridger, who presented the prizes to the winners; and Miss Yvonne Pollock, at the Shanghai Pony Club event.

SHANGHAI IN LONDON

Ballet that blooms in the spring tra-la in London, according to theatrical estimates, is blooming during wartime in spite of the Luftwaffe, with Margot Fonteyn (Peggy Hookham, former Cathedral School girl) sparkling.

The London illustrated weeklies have her featured prominently. She is appearing in "Rendezvous," one of Frederick Ashton's earlier ballets designed for Alicia Markova, with Auber's music.

In Margot's version there is an individual interpretation which drew this comment: "Exquisite sense of style and flowing sense of grace." Sadler's Wells' ballet is back in London after a tour of the Midlands and Devon, where ballet is tried out on the rustics before being presented to sophisticated London.

REHEARSAL

We've watched lots of rehearsals—all the way from the half-forgotten "No, No Nanette" and the flamboyant "Green Hat" to the American hits of the day-before-yesterday.

And the feeling of success permeates the chilly, dark theatre long before the opening night. It's intangible but ummistakable.

We sensed it immediately when we slipped into the Lyceum the other afternoon—to hear the lilting songs of Act I, to see the young May Queen assemble her court for a day, to watch the dances and glimpse (in a cupboard, well-swathed) the gorgeous garments to be worn by the leading ladies of "Merrie England"—Mrs. J. M. Wheeler, Miss Margaret Sinclair, Mrs. May Pecaric and Miss Sylvia Walker.

Purple and moss-green velvet, a Queen's gown of cloth-of-silver, brocades encrusted in jewels—all the luxury of the luxurious Elizabethan era is reflected in the gowns of its women.

But—for some reason—we particularly liked the little gray gown—with its demure white ruff—worn by the Queen when she played at being a Lady of Windsor, like another Queen who played at being a dairy maid in a green French forest.

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DINNER PARTIES

"Merrie England" is being given under the patronage of Sir Archibald Clark Kerr and Lady Clark Kerr and Mr. A. H. George.

Numerous dinner parties have been arranged for the opening night, with the hosts taking their guests on to the premiere. Among those who are entertaining are Mr. George, Mr. G. E. Mitchell, Mrs. H. M. Spence, Mr. J. N. Bates.

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DEPARTURE

Off to Australia with her two daughters is Mrs. G. H. Mann, wife of the newly-appointed Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

Mrs. Mann sailed yesterday for the south, bound for Sydney. She will join her sister-in-law, Miss Violet Mann, who has been in Australia for some months.

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VISITING DIPLOMAT

Leaving Shanghai yesterday for Chungking was M. Paul Boncour—of the French Embassy in Peiping, who has been here for the past week.

Among the many affairs in the visitor's honour was the informal cocktail party given on Thursday evening by Mme. Roland de Margerie.

At The Club Hippique *N.C.D.N.*

Glimpse of a group of enthusiasts at Sunday's gymkhana held by the Shanghai Pony Club. Included are Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. G. H. Mann and their two small daughters, Mrs. I. Howell and Mrs. E. T. Eddlad.

MID-WEEK TIFFIN

Mr. J. A. Mackay, who recently returned from Hongkong, was host at a tiffin party on Wednesday in honour of Colonel De Witt Peck and associate officers of the U.S. Marine Corps.

The tiffin was given at the Cathay Hotel and some twenty guests attended.

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ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Whipps celebrated their first wedding anniversary last night, with a large cocktail party to some hundred of their friends. Mrs. Whipps—of course—is the former Miss Joan Harvey.

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COCKTAILS

Wednesday was the date of a gay cocktail party given by Mr. Paul R. Buergin, with some fifty guests attending.

Among those who shared the good cheer were Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. "Tony" Ricketts, M. and Mme. A. L. Brusset, Mr. Claude Barr, Mr. G. J. McCarthy, Mr. E. E. White, Mr. M. M. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harris and hosts of others.

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GOLDEN GATE NEWS

Yet another former Shanghailander now is living in San Francisco. Mrs. Wallace Lamon of Manila—the former Miss Virginia Kane—recently left the Philippines with her husband to make her home in California

IN AND OUT

In Shanghai from Peiping is Mr. G. Stockley. And visiting here from Hongkong is Mr. N. L. Evans.

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THE NEW ORDER

Benefits have replaced balls in a Shanghai throughly awake to the international situation. And the biggest War Funds benefit of the season—the long anticipated A. D. C. production of "Merrie England"—will have its premiere at the Lyceum on Saturday.

Of course you'll be there, with all the rest of Shanghai. Though the spotlights won't be discernible to the naked eye—they'll be on deck too—for it's The Event of the season.

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IN THE FOYER

Yet another attractive group—under the direction of Mrs. K. Martin, Mrs. E. S. Barraclough, Mrs. S. K. Squires and Mrs. H. Martin Little—has been recruited to sell the "Merrie England" programmes.

Wearing the striking gowns of the period—suitable prelude to the sumptuous feminine costuming of the play itself, for which Mrs. K. E. Newman is responsible—the sellers will include Miss Heather Martin Little, Miss Era Kimberly, Miss Ann Crow, Miss Marion Henderson, Miss Margaret Moore, Miss Vivien Gatton, Miss Miguette Cook, Miss Kitty Sharp, Miss Barbara Gates, Miss Doreen Gray, Miss Barbara Ward, Miss Joyce Middleton and Miss Betty Parsons.

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Guests at Mr. Paul Buergin's cocktail party included Mrs. J. F. Harris (left) chatting with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Franklin.

AMERICAN WORK ROOM

Attention, business women! If you have been wishing that you could have a part in Shanghai's war work—regretting that your hours make it impossible to join the daytime groups turning out hospital supplies—here's the solution.

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THE CLUB GROUP

Out at the American Women's Club, American Work Room sessions have become an institution. They were swinging along briskly—ever since last spring—until the Great Exodus took all the members except four. Now, with an international membership, the Work Room again is going full force, with a membership of forty-five.

The Work Room is headed by Mrs. Eric Petersen as chairman and Mrs. Clark Lee as secretary-treasurer. The finished work—bandages, surgical dressings, swabs—go to the British Women's Association for shipment.

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DOWNTOWN UNIT

At the Hamilton House, Miss Frances Donaldson is the organizer. "Charter members" of the group—who gathered around the work tables at the first session, in addition to Mrs. Petersen and Mrs. Lee—included Miss Louise Willis, Miss Ray Naylor, Mrs. Kay Harrison, Mrs. Michael Learmouth and Mrs. Warren Bradbeer.

Organization of the new unit was facilitated by the donation of two Singer sewing machines—for machine work is essential to certain types of work.

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VISITORS

Here from Tokyo are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hewlett. They are stopping at the American Club. According to present plans, Mr. and Mrs. Hewlett will sail late this month for the Philippines.

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MARCH 31

The last day of the month has been chosen for their marriage by Miss Margaret Harris Arnold and Lieut. David E. Kermode. The ceremony will take place at the Union Church, with a reception at the American Women's Club.

Mrs. Gordon Elliot

Née Miss Vera Prince. *Schieberth.*

WEDDING OF WEEK

Married on Wednesday, at the Church of Christ the King, were Miss Vera Prince and Mr. Gordon Elliot. Among the many affairs for the bride was the tiffin party given last Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. A. V. White in Hungjao. Sharing honours with her was Miss Olive Hibbard.

Miss Hibbard—another March bride—became the wife of Mr. J. W. Pote-Hunt on Friday, at a quiet ceremony held at the British Consulate-General.

Mrs. Eric Petersen

Heads Work Room. *Skvirsky.*

DISTINGUISHED

Visitor of the Week: Colonel Allen H. Turnage, former commanding officer of the U. S. Marines in North China, who is paying his first visit to Shanghai before sailing for the United States in the President Taft.

Colonel Turnage has been whisked from one party to another during his brief visit, his hosts including Colonel De Witt Peck, Mr. Frank P. Lockhart, Lieut.-Colonel Charles Wynn, Major G. A. Williams, Major G. D. Hamilton, and Mrs. Thomas Hutchins.

Mrs. Clark Lee

Work Room Executive.

TIFFIN AT CATHAY

Outstanding among the affairs arranged in honour of Colonel Turnage was the tiffin party at the Cathay Hotel yesterday, with Major G. A. Williams, Assistant U.S. Naval Attache, as host.

Places were laid for Colonel DeWitt Peck, Lieut.-Colonel E. F. C. Collier, Lieut.-Colonel Donald Curtis, Major G. D. Hamilton, Mr. Morris Harris, Mr. Clark Lee, Major S. R. Hunt and Commander C. S. Sheppard.

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INCREDIBLE

Poor people always know when they're poor but someone around this part of the world doesn't know he's rich.

A correspondent declares that the first prize in the Rooty-Hill Derby of the Hongkong Jockey Club has not been claimed.

It totals Hongkong $397,000, or a little more than a million and a quarter Chinese national dollars! Number 538,127. There was a runner drawn in Shanghai.

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BOUND FOR CANADA

Mrs. George Pickering and her two young daughters, students at the Cathedral School for Girls, are sailing next week for Vancouver.

Numerous Shanghailanders, including Mrs. A. J. Carey and her two daughtres, are living in Vancouver. The four girls were schoolmates in Shanghai.

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IN CALIFORNIA

Edna Lee Booker—Mrs. John Potter of Shanghai—was the chief speaker at the annual meeting of Theta Sigma Phi, national journalistic society, held recently at the Women's Athletic Club in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Potter described her experiences as a war correspondent in the Orient. Her book, "News Is My Job," appeared last spring.

SEEN ON THE BUND

It was a tag day. Two fair sellers were on duty in the bright sunshine outside the Shanghai Club, armed with collection boxes and shields of tags, extracting dollars from the populace.

A rickshaw coolie ambled past and his eye fell on the bright-coloured tags. Trained by a series of health weeks, "safety first" weeks and other campaigns where quantities of badges, buttons and bright-coloured literature were distributed, he obediently strolled across the pavement and helped himself to a tag from one of the shields.

There was high indignation, on the part of the rickshaw coolie, when he was sternly informed that the tags were not free. Definitely. A passing Chinese explained away his curiosity and he retraced his steps to his vehicle, picked up the shafts and went on his own dollar hunting mission—smiling—and perhaps pondering on the strange ways of the foreigners. So inconsistent!

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JUNIOR

Host to some thirty of his young friends yesterday was Master Ronald James Ribbons, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Ribbons. Occasion: his eighth birthday.

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TWO BIRTHDAY CANDLES

The French Club was the scene of an unusual birthday party last evening when Mrs. G. Zanetti was hostess to a group of friends celebrating a double anniversary: that of her husband and of Lieut.-Colonel E. F. C. Collier.

Guests included Miss Lyda Mae Francis, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Marden, Mrs. Julius Kleffel, Major G. A. Williams, Major S. W. Freeny and Lieutenant W. Kenny.

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BENEFIT

Supporters of the "Cradle" are gathering for their customary bridge and mahjongg party at the International Bridge Club, Mohawk Road, on March 27. Sign of the season: a spring fashion show will be staged by Le Petit Salon.

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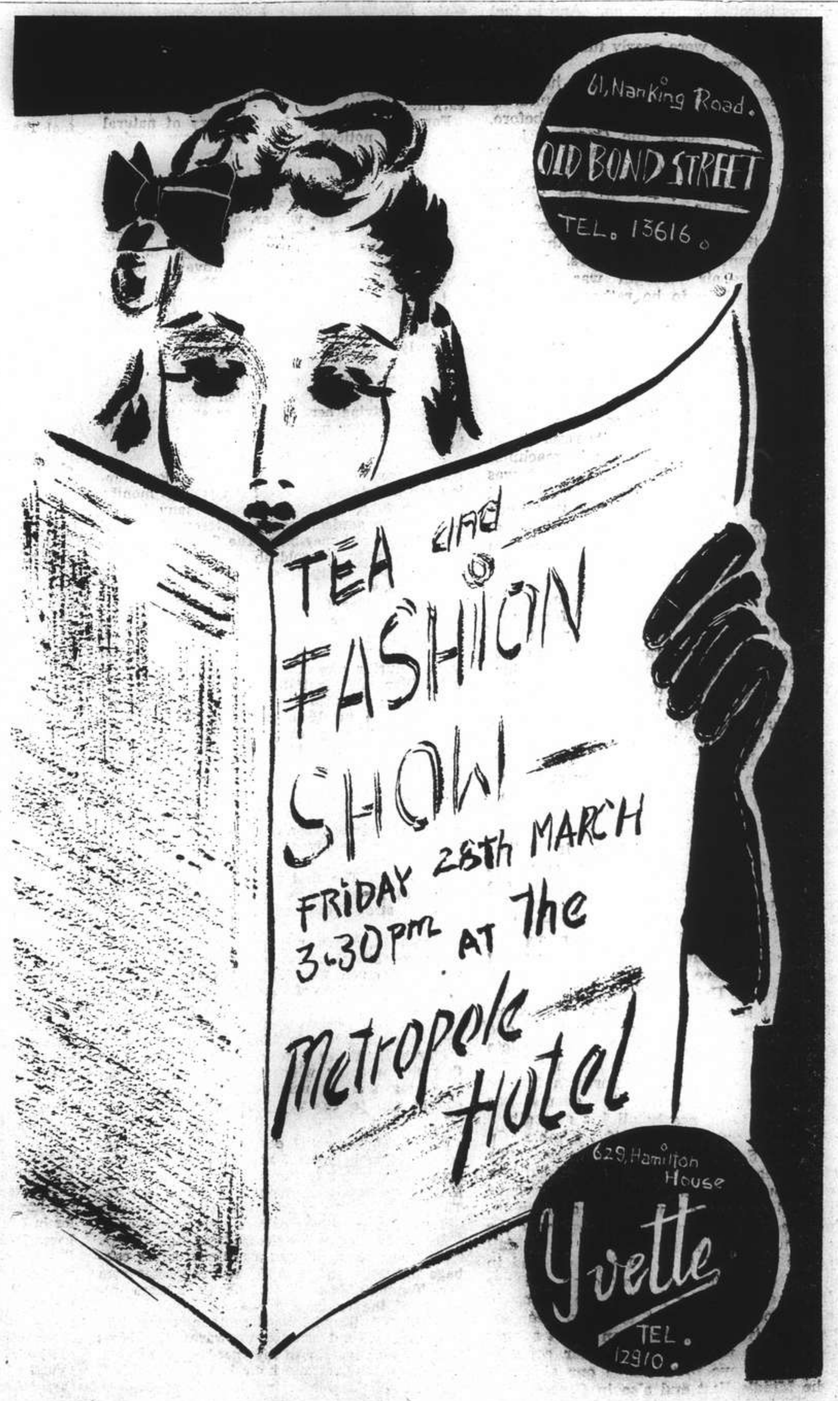

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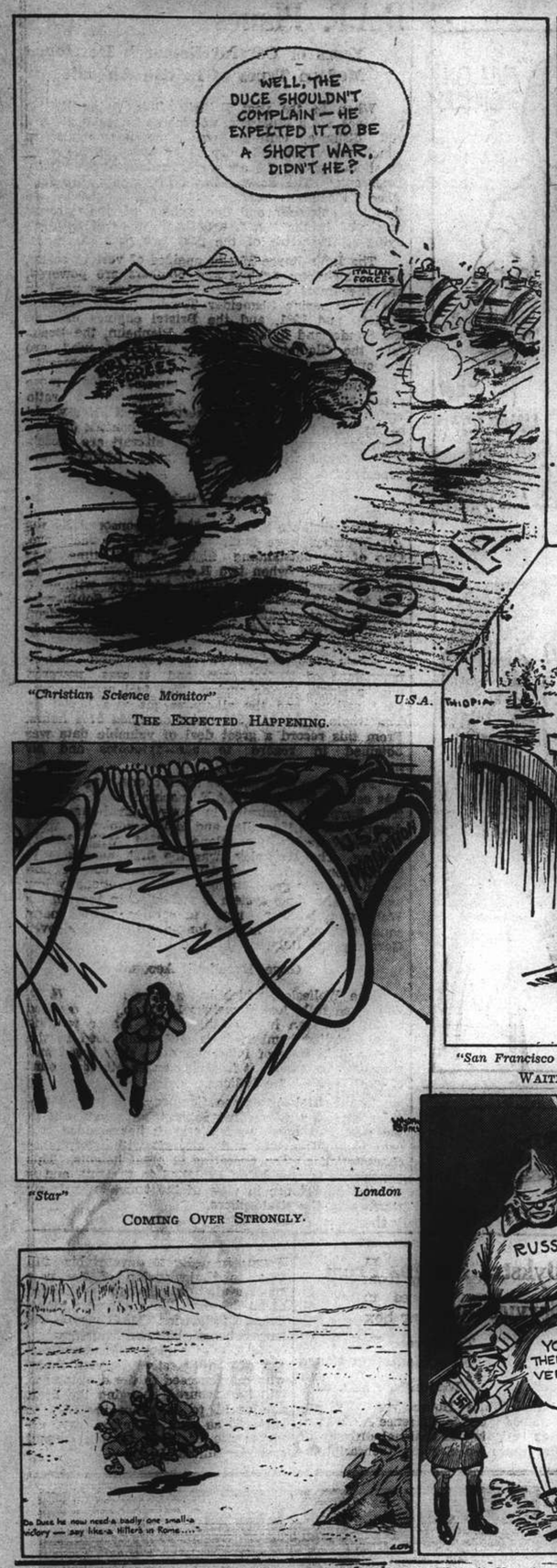

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Germany Trying to Embroil Japan

Berlin Sees Advantages In Entangling America In Pacific War

Stockholm, Mar. 22.

"There is no reason to underestimate the Japanese war machine, but the long drawn out and in no way finished China war has brought serious blood-letting to Japan," declares the Gotenburg "Handelstidning" in a leading article today.

"Japan's great conquering plan," the paper continues, has been absolutely unsuccessful. A war with great Powers in the Pacific would easily bring Japan into a still worse position than Italy under very similar conditions.

"The connection between propaganda regarding Mr. Matsuoka's visit and hot anti-American agitation is clear. Berlin openly wishes America's entry into the war in more definite form. That wish is not derived from a desire to have another enemy. It is because the United States as a non-belligerent on Britain's side is a worse enemy than as a country at war.

"If Berlin succeeds in getting Japan to believe that the United States is attacking Germany, the three power pact comes into force, meaning military assistance of Japan, Slovakia, Rumania and Bulgaria on the Axis side."—Reuter.

London Sees Pictures Of Burning Bremen

Fire on Big German Ship Perhaps Due to R.A.F.

London, Mar. 22.

Photographs of the German luxury liner Bremen burning at its moorings in Bremerhaven were published in afternoon newspapers here yesterday.

The pictures were said to have been taken by an R.A.F. reconnaissance plane.

The Bremen, it was believed, might have been the victim of a single R.A.F. bomber which attacked the docks of Bremerhaven the night of March 13-14.

Photographs show the liner burned out amidships and still smoking at the bow and stern, with several small craft, apparently salvage boats, alongside.

The liner Europa was shown in another basin of the harbour.

German sources several days ago officially disclosed that the Bremen was severely damaged by fire but the location of the vessel was not given. —United Press.

Steamer Puan To Be Refloated

Salvage operations to refloat the 4,290-ton passenger steamer Puan, which was sunk by Chungking troops during the hostilities in 1937 to make a boom across the Whangpoo at Nantao, have been begun by the Japan Salvaging Company, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported yesterday morning. After the vessel is raised, she will be dismounted and sent to the Yahata Iron Manufacturing Factory in Kyushu as iron scrap.

LOCAL FOOD PRICES

Average prices obtained on Mar. 21. Hongkew District W.—Seymour Road Market and shops in Western District F.C.—Markets and shops in the French Concession.

	H.	W.	F.C.
BEEF			
Rib	2.60	3.00	2.80
Rump	3.00	3.20	2.80
Sirloin	3.00	3.20	—
Soup	1.80	2.20	1.90
Suet	1.20	2.00	0.80
MUTTON			
Lamb	1.40	1.60	1.40
Gigot	1.50	1.60	1.55
PORK			
Lard	1.25	1.40	1.25
Leg	1.50	1.80	0.80
Cutlet	1.60	1.70	1.40
Should.	1.40	1.70	1.50
VEAL			
Cutlets	3.00	2.80	—
BUFFALO			
Rump	2.60	1.90	2.00
Soup	1.50	1.60	1.50
Goat	—	1.80	1.50
PREPARED MEAT			
Bacon	2.30	2.50	2.20
Ham F.	2.70	2.60	3.40
Ham C.	3.04	3.20	2.60
S. pork	1.44	1.50	1.30
FISH			
Carp	1.20	0.90	—
„ live	1.40	1.60	1.10
Cod	1.00	0.90	—
Eel live	1.20	1.40	1.00
Manda.	1.60	1.60	1.50
Prawns	0.25	0.25	0.20
Salmon	1.30	1.20	—
Soles N.	0.80	0.80	0.80
W'bait	0.80	1.40	1.00
Yellow	0.60	0.70	0.40
SALTED FISH			
Herring	0.70	0.60	0.65
Ribbon	0.60	0.65	0.50
Salmon	1.10	1.10	1.00
POULTRY AND EGGS			
Chick.	2.20	2.00	2.00
Duck	7.00	8.00	5.50
Eggs	2.40	2.00	1.90
FRUIT			
Apples	0.70	0.70	0.65
Bananas	0.50	0.45	0.40
Lemons	0.70	0.70	0.60
Oranges	1.20	0.80	0.70
„ Imp.	6.00	6.00	6.00
Pears	—	1.00	0.85

	H.	W.	F.C.
VEGETABLES			
B'boo	1.00	1.20	0.50
Beans F.	0.80	1.20	0.70
B'troot	0.20	0.30	0.30
C'bage	0.10	0.05	0.20
„ F.	0.10	0.30	0.10
„ S.	0.15	0.20	0.15
Carrots	0.10	0.25	0.10
Onions	0.40	0.40	0.40
Potatoes	0.40	0.43	0.40
„ S.	0.15	0.25	0.13
Spinach	0.08	0.25	0.08
To'toes	2.50	1.20	1.00
Turnips	0.15	0.15	0.05
GROCERY			
Coffee	3.20	3.00	2.80
Flour A.	0.72	0.70	0.70
Flour C.	0.70	—	0.65
M'roni	1.30	1.20	0.90
Noodles	0.56	0.51	0.50
Salt T.	0.46	0.50	0.37
Salt C.	0.46	0.37	0.35
Sugar T.	0.75	0.90	0.88
„ H.	0.65	0.65	0.65
Tea	3.50	3.25	3.40
OIL AND BEAN CURD			
Bean	0.22	0.30	0.10
Salad	1.70	1.80	1.09
Soya	1.00	0.93	0.97
MILK, BUTTER AND BREAD			
Milk, A	1.05	1.08	1.00
Milk, B	0.70	0.84	0.50
„ A.T.	1.10	1.10	—
Milk,	2.60	3.40	1.80
Butter	7.20	6.90	7.20
M'arine	1.75	1.70	1.80
Bread	0.63	0.63	0.63
SOAPS			
Toilet	0.33	0.45	0.56
Wash.	0.62	0.92	0.80
RICE			
K'mee	0.70	0.64	0.73
Foreign	—	0.62	0.62
COAL AND FUEL			
Anthrac.	290	295	300
Kitchen	300	290	310
Brique	9.80	10	10
Charcoal	50	—	50
Wood	—	0.85	0.70
K'sene	1.20	1.13	1.20

Roosevelt Approves Buying Two Ships

Washington, Mar. 21.

President Roosevelt has approved the Navy's plans to acquire the vessels Texas, 6,368 tons, and New Jersey, 6,414 tons, belonging to the Texas Company, for use as plane transports. It was said that the converting and arming of the two ships will cost U.S.$6,400,000 each.—Domei.

Cuban Sugar Loan

Havana, Mar. 22.

The Cuban Legislature has authorised a loan of $11,000,000 from the United States Import and Export Bank to finance production of 400,000 tons of sugar for reserve.—Reuter.

Anglo-Iraq Friendship Reaffirmed

Baghdad Foreign Minister Issues Statement

Baghdad, Mar. 22.

"Our friendly sincere talks have been reassuring to both parties while the survey of the present position in the Middle East confirmed the necessity of co-operation between the two allies within the limits of the Anglo-Iraq treaty," declared the Foreign Minister, Tewfiq Bey Suweida, in a statement concerning his recent meeting with Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary in Cairo.

The Minister said further: "It was natural that I should avail myself of the opportunity of meeting Mr. Eden to exchange views regarding the relations between our allied countries. I also have been in touch with other responsible British people in the Middle East and I am glad to say that the talks have been most reassuring to both parties. Iraq's interest is in evading the calamities of war while fully carrying out our obligations to our ally."—Reuter.

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Britain's Latest Hero Only 16 Years

"Buster" Cain Active in Rescuing Raid Victims

London, Mar. 22.

To the long list of Britain's air raid heroes has been added the name of John Thomas Cain—"Buster" to his friends—a "devil-may-care" young boy.

At 16 he becomes the youngest wearer of the George Medal, awarded for helping police officers to rescue people trapped under a blazing factory.

Buster, the youngest of a family of 13, assists his mother in the family costermonger business, which they started after their shop had been demolished by bombs. His father, after his shop was wrecked, took work with a demolition firm, but Buster was found to be under 18 and had to go back to sell fruit. His father was injured on demolition working work and is now in hospital.

Buster was playing snooker in a local working men's club when interviewed by Reuter. He told how they worked their way through the wreckage of a shelter under the factory and then picked their way through a cluster of electric wires into the ruins of the factory.

Buster also told how previously he crawled under a wrecked public house and saved nine lives, "but that time there was nobody to take note of it."—Reuter.

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Superb Design of R.A.F. Planes

Years of Careful Research Developed Modern Types of British Aircraft

When in the past British pilots, flying British machines, set a succession of records in speed, height, and distance, criticism was sometimes made in which the value and purpose of these efforts were questioned writes the air correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph." The answer has been amply provided since the beginning of the war, and it is now realised that the efficiency and fine quality of the aircraft employed in the R.A.F. are the legacies of Britain's flying achievements of the past two decades.

The Rolls-Royce Merlin engines of various series, with which our fighters and bombers are powered, are the lineal descendants of the engines used in the Supermarine Schneider Trophy racing seaplane of 1929 and 1931, and the Bristol engines used in the Sunderland flying-boat, the Blenheim, the Beaufort, the Gladiator, and other machines used are the outcome of years of peace flying developments.

Without this persistent striving for more speed and reduction in the power-weight ratio which our designers have exerted, the R.A.F. would be seriously handicapped today. The benefits derived from developing record-breaking aircraft are especially marked where our long-range bombers are concerned.

Famous Flights

Long distance non-stop flights, sponsored by the Air Ministry, were made more than ten years ago. One of the outstanding flights of this time was made in 1933, when two R.A.F. officers took off from Cranwell in Lincolnshire and flew without a halt to Walvisch Bay, in the British South-west African Protectorate. The pilots were Squadron O. R. Bayford, A.F.C., and Flight Lieutenant G. E. Nicholetts.

Their machine was a specially built Fairey monoplane of 82-feet span, and it was powered with a single Napier engine. The fuel carriage was 1,000 gallons, and the all-up-weight was 17,000 lb. The whole flight of 5,309 miles occupied 57½ hours. From this record a great deal of valuable data was obtained in regard to aero-dynamics and air navigation.

Five years later another official long-range record was set up, when two R.A.F. machines flew non-stop from Egypt to Australia in forty-eight hours. The distance was 7,157 miles and the aeroplanes were Vickers-Wellesley monoplanes fitted with Bristol engines. The Wellesley was the first aeroplane to be built on the Wallis-geodetic system, a construction which provides great strength with exceptionally low weight. The same system is embodied in the famous Wellington bomber, now in service with many squadrons engaged in the long-distance raids over Germany and Italy.

Gave Excellent Account

The Wellesley, which has a wing span of 74 ft. and when fully loaded weighs 11,100 lb., has a speed of 216 miles an hour. Although no longer ranking as a first-line bomber, it is still being used in the East, and in spite of its comparative slow speed and a modest armament, it is giving an excellent account of itself against the Italians.

The Bristol Aeroplane Company has paid particular attention to records in high-altitude flying in the past, and much research work has enabled this firm to build engines and aircraft with exceptional characteristics when operating at great heights. This experience is now being exploited to the full, and is of vital importance in view of the trend towards air warfare in the stratosphere.

NORTH CHINA — TRAVEL "JARDINES" — SOUTH CHINA

Municipal Budget for 1941; Treasurer's Report Issued

Reduction of Preliminary Deficit of $2,292,100 Excess of Expenditure Over Income Explained

CONSIDERING the desirability of reducing a preliminary deficit of $2,292,100 being excess of expenditure over income in the amended estimates of the Shanghai Municipal Council for 1941, the treasurer has recommended that $1,500,000 be earmarked from general reserve representing accumulated profits on sales of surplus land, difference in exchange on sterling balances as on December 31, last year, and a portion of the credits derived from the reconstitution of sinking funds in previous years.

Approval of this measure would reduce the deficit to a provisional figure of $792,100 and it is conceivable that the reconstitution of sources of revenue by the sub-committee may produce sufficient additional revenue during the year and achieve the balanced budget that was earlier envisaged.

The above was disclosed in a statement released by the Shanghai Municipal Council yesterday dealing with its 1941 budget; ordinary income and expenditure which will be followed later by a report with the extraordinary income and expenditure of the Council for the year.

Treasurer's Recommendation

The treasurer has recommended that no provision be made in the capital budget this year for the disposal of the estimated deficit on the ordinary budget of $792,100. In his report the Treasurer stated that it should be borne in mind that the $1,500,000 to be appropriated from general reserve is represented largely by assets temporarily frozen, but it is anticipated that surplus areas of land and the raising of loans will serve to liquidate the transfer before the end of the year.

The net deficit reflects a provisional deficit on Education Account of $2,852,080 and an estimated surplus on general account of $2,059,980. This seeming paradox it was stated, is due to the necessity for limiting the transfer of funds for educational purposes to the maximum permissible of the equivalent of a 2 per cent. rate and correlative proportion of land tax until such time as satisfactory measures for ensuring the adequate financing of educational requirements have been devised by the special sub-committee to examine and advise the Council regarding education policy and finance generally.

Report Approved by Council

The report dealing with the Treasurer's report on ordinary income and expenditure received by the Finance Committee and approved by the Council stated *inter alia:*

The individual estimates of Municipal departments having been reviewed and approved by the relevant departmental committees, the Treasurer presented for the consideration of the Finance Committee at its meeting on March 17, the complete budget or ordinary income and expenditure for 1941.

In his report the Treasurer reminded members that the basis of increased taxation assessed last December for submission to the Ratepayers in special meeting was designed to achieve a balanced working budget for the year 1941. The realization of this expectation has unfortunately been disturbed by certain influences which he cited briefly as follows:—

The larger number of employees exercising their option to take long leave during 1941 than had been anticipated when this privilege was reinstituted;

The necessity for raising a blanket appropriation to cover the additional cost of Police personnel seconded for duty in the newly constituted joint police force in the Western Extra-Settlement area; and

The necessity for providing additional funds to cover impending revisions in the pay and allowances of the Russian Auxiliary Detachment.

Remedial measures have been taken to rectify the position as far as it has been practicable to do so and action has been taken to provide for necessary additional expenditure within the narrowest possible compass. These measures consist primarily of:—

A revision of revenue prospects in the light of more recent information.

The inclusion of $1,000,000 under ordinary income—miscellaneous—in anticipation of sales of surplus scrap metal held by the Public Works Department following the replacement of a metal manhole and drain covers by concreteware ones.

An adjustment of the long leave appropriations in the Police force estimates to reflect the lower number of employees that it is now anticipated will be able to leave Shanghai as compared with the original estimates.

Major items relating to the revised income and expenditure estimates were outlined in comparative statements accompanying the report.

A net deficit on the ordinary budget of some $792,100 is provisionally anticipated on the basis of the estimates as they are constituted at present.

It will thus be seen that the excess of expenditure over income in the amended estimates amounts to $2,292,100. This adverse position is almost entirely due to the larger number of employees exercising their option to take long leave during 1941 than had been contemplated last December.

Ordinary Income

The estimates of ordinary income are reasonably based with due appreciation of all the relevant factors and the revenue shown as accruing should be realized if no untoward circumstances intervene during the course of the year. Provision has been included for full returns from the Western Extra-Settlement Area as an offset to the cost of services furnished in that area by the Council and a margin has been allowed for additional revenue to be derived from the reassessment of owner-occupied premises throughout all areas.

A statement attached to the treasurer's report contains an analysis of the various items of income. Gross revenue from all sources is estimated at $79,119,740 an increase of $37,257,990 or 89.00 per cent. as compared with the Budget for 1940. Of this amount of $79,119,740 Land Tax accounts for $19,450,000, General Municipal Rate for $35,737,000 and Special Rate for $2,988,000, or a total of $58,175,000.

The Land Tax and Rate provisions are based on the bases of levy approved at the recent special meeting of ratepayers:—

Land Tax—1.35 per cent. plus a 40 per cent. surcharge.

General Municipal Rate—27 per cent. plus a 40 per cent. surcharge.

Special Rate—24 per cent. plus a 40 per cent. surcharge.

The product of a per cent. General Municipal rate and correlative land tax is assessed in round figures at $1,460,000 for 1941 as compared with $1,298,000 for 1940. The corresponding products of a one per cent. special rate are $89,000 for 1941 and $58,000 for 1940.

Ordinary Expenditure

The treasurer in his report then referred briefly to certain features affecting the budgetary position as a whole, before reviewing the expenditure estimates of individual departments.

The main adverse factor is obviously the serious decline from various causes in the purchasing value of the Chinese dollar which has occasioned continuous and unprecedented rises in the costs of commodities and services required for the normal and efficient functioning of the Municipality. The enormous rise in the cost of living has necessitated the grant of substantially higher compensatory allowances to the staff from which there can be no relief until conditions improve.

Provision has been included throughout all departmental estimates for normal promotions and pay increments in accordance with the grading scales. Another factor of importance is the re-institution of long leave on a modified basis after a suspension of slightly more than a year. It is now estimated that the cost during 1941 of restoring this privilege will border closely upon $4,500,000. This of course is due to the adverse effect of the low prevailing exchange value of the Chinese dollar on foreign currency passage and long leave exchange appropriations.

Variation in Exchange

The 1941 budget has been framed on the basis of a 3½d. dollar as compared with a 4d. dollar for last year. The Council's foreign currency commitments in 1940 were approximately £200,000 so that additional expenditure to be faced in regard to these commitments during 1941 as a result of this variation in exchange is roughly $1,700,000.

A statement attached to the Treasurer's report contains an analysis of the various main expenditure headings and discloses that estimated expenditure under "general" amounts to $74,927,960 and under "education" to $5,973,880 or a total of $80,901,840. This latter figure of $80,901,840 represents an increase of $34,768,480 or 75.37 per cent. as compared with the relevant Budget total for last year.

Ribbentrop Says War Practically Won

Enemy Must Admit Defeat This Year

Berlin, Mar. 22.

The war has already been decided in favour of Germany and her allies, and events in 1941 "will compel our enemy to admit his defeat," declared Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, in a speech of welcome to the new Hungarian Foreign Minister, M. de Bardossy, who was received by Herr Hitler in Munich yesterday and had a conversation with the Fuhrer lasting more than an hour and a half, says the official German news agency.

Herr von Ribbentrop was present during the conversations, which took place "in an atmosphere of traditional and cordial friendship which unites Germany and Hungary."

The Foreign Minister prefaced his prophecy with a statement that "today the allied powers, Germany, Italy and Japan, together with other friendly states associated with them, the first of which was Hungary, face the final struggle to defeat their last enemy—England."—Reuter.

Axis Ships Said Ready To Run Blockade

Rio De Janeiro, Mar. 22.

There are persistent rumours here not only that German cargo ships are preparing an attempt to run the British blockade, but that they will be joined in their dash by Italian freighters now laid up in Brazilian ports.

It is suggested that German and Italian ships would then proceed to France under the "protection" of Nazi warships at present reported to be in the Atlantic.—Reuter.

St. Lawrence Pact

Washington, Mar. 22.

President Roosevelt yesterday submitted to Congress the US$26,000,000 United States-Canadian agreement to develop the international rapids section of the St. Lawrence river and to complete other essential links of the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence deep waterway.—United Press.

Dykstra Resigns From Service Job

To Devote Full Time New Mediation Board

Washington, Mar. 22.

The White House yesterday announced that Mr. Clarence A. Dykstra was resigning as national director of the Selective Service (conscription-Board) in order to devote his full time to chairmanship of the new super-mediation board for arbitration of labour disputes involving national defence industries. Mr. Dykstra was named board chairman Thursday.

Mr. Louis Hershey, assistant director of the Selective Service Board who may succeed to the directorship, said he favoured changing the draft age of 21 to 35 years inclusive to 18 to 23 as soon as ample troop reserves are acquired by the present system.—United Press.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

MR. L. Suter, general manager of the Cathay Hotels Ltd., sailed yesterday for the U.S.A.

AT 3 p.m. today from XCDN, there will be a concert arranged by the Single Men's Mess, Dixwell Road. Police Station.

TODAY'S classical concert from XCDN at 2 p.m., is selected from recordings of the works of Brahms, Gluck, Sarasate, Tschaikowsky and Elgar.

"THAT grass-widowers are a social menace," will be proposed on the Foreign "Y" debating programme on Thursday at 9 p.m. Mr. D. L Zysman is proposing, and Mr E. W Abigail is opposing.

THIS evening at 7.30 the Catholic Hour broadcast over XMHA will feature the Question Box of the Air. The Rev. William McGoldrick, Superior of the Missionaries of St. Columban, will reply to the questions proposed concerning his talk on "Salvation Outside the Church."

THE use of hydraulic power to work the factories of various industries is the fundamental solution to the present acute shortage of foodstuffs, according to Mr. Wu Tingyong, Commissioner of Reconstruction in Chekiang during a press interview at Kinhwa on Friday says the "Sin Wan Pao." In this way it is hoped to increase production during the prevailing period of scarcity.

THE pupils of Madame T. Stelnitzky, piano teacher at the Convent of the Sacred Heart and at the French Municipal School Rémi, will give a recital on the premises of the latter school, 200 Route Rémi, today at 2.15 p.m. Among the young artists, there are pupils of various schools, such as the French Municipal College, Ecole Rémi, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Collège Saint Francois Xavier, Public School and Russian School.

AT about 10 a.m. yesterday, two armed men gained entrance to 8 Oong Fah Li off North Honan Road and robbed the occupants of approximately $1,400 in cash, valuables and clothing, before making good their escape. The miscreants intimidated the inmates and gathered them into one room before proceeding with their business. No shots were fired and no arrests were made. Investigations are being conducted.

PASSENGER and freight services on the Kunming-Wanchiachwang sector of the Yunnan-Szechuan Railway commenced on March 11, says a belated report from Kunming to the "Cheng Yien Pao." The construction of the railway is now being hurried in order to link Kunming with Chutsing as soon as possible. This section of the railway is expected to be completed and ready for extended service on April 1, the paper adds.

MEMBERS of the People's Political Council, recently adjourned in Chungking, were entertained at a dinner reception given by General Chiang Kai-shek on Friday according to the "Cheng Yien Pao." In his speech General Chiang pointed out the heavy responsibilities the Government had placed upon the members of the council. In return the Council members drank a toast to the General and declared that they would live up to the high expectations of their government, the paper says.

UNDER the joint auspices of the Central Trust of China and the four Chinese Government banks, a scheme whereby rural insurance will be started for the benefit of farmers will shortly be introduced into various provinces, the "Cheng Yien Pao" says. The scheme, it is hoped, will increase agricultural production. A set of plans is now being studied by the authorities concerned and is expected shortly to be put into execution with the approval of the Chinese Government, the report states.

THE police report for the week ending March 22, showed an increase of four minor crimes over the number given during the previous week, bringing the total to 379. Increases were noted in the pocket-picking, larceny and opium cases. Those to show decrease were armed robbery, burglary, snatching and gambling cases. The Settlement police arrested 536 persons, a decrease of 28 as compared to the previous week, and of this number 147 had been identified as old offenders.

A SUCCESSFUL test with small river craft built to navigate shallow water and rapids was made under the auspices of the Ministry of Communications in Liuchow, Kwangsi province, on Sunday, according to a report to the "Cheng Yien Pao." Last year, the Ministry built over 700 small river craft for navigation along the West River regions. Following the successful tests last Sunday, the Ministry has decided to build more river crafts whose dimension will be 32.6 feet long, seven feet wide and 2.3 ft. deep, with a draught of 1.3 ft. The cost of each boat is estimated at CH$33,000.

IN his recent visit to Chungking, Mr. Lauchlin Currie, personal envoy of President Roosevelt, asked the Sino-American Cultural Association to record the "voice of Victory" and other patriotic Chinese national songs, according to a Chungking message to the "Cheng Yien Pao." These songs have now been recorded and are being sent by American Clipper to the White House for President Roosevelt and Mr. Currie. They were also broadcasted to the United States by the International Broadcasting Station at Chungking on Wednesday night.

TODAY will be observed in the Holy Trinity Cathedral quite literally as a Day of Prayer. On the stroke of each half hour there will be a short Service of Intercession and in the interval between the periods of prayer appropriate music will be played to provide an atmosphere of devotion. The regular services will be maintained, Mattins being arranged as a service of intercession with a call to prayer and a special litany which has been prepared. The collection at Mattins will be given to The Central British War Fund, earmarked for the war work of the Church Army. At Evensong, the Dean will preach the fourth in a series of addresses to Confirmation candidates, his subject being: "The Christian duty toward God."

Shanghai Boy in Germany

Picture shows Anthony Peach, second from the right, who is a prisoner in Germany, with a group of his room-mates.

Letter at Hand From A. Peach

Former Shanghai Boy Now Prisoner in Germany; Had Flown with R. A. F.

Another letter has been received in Shanghai from Anthony Peach, Shanghai boy, who was taken prisoner by the Germans while flying with the R. A. F. He writes briefly, on a special form, but seems to have no complaints to make about conditions. He obviously wishes he could be back in the fighting, and speaks regretfully of a friend who is still able to take an active part in the war.

The letter follows:—

"Received Jill's and Betty's letters last week and one from Bob today. Also just had my first from Leicester. They all seem well. B. tells me she may go to Tientsin; hope so, as I should think two years in the wilds quite enough. B, tells me he now has two boats, lucky man, he also appears keen on flying, waiting to join the "US" air corps.

"A chap here, Wilner, used to be in the army in Shanghai about 1936, was quite a friend of the twins. I often spend an evening gossiping with him, makes one quite homesick. I heard that Gus Willish was killed about May, I wondered why I was getting no mail from him. I received a clothing parcel containing uniform, etc., but no boots—could you try to send a good strong pair, also a weather-proofed jacket, as at present our exercise is confined to fine days? We have had one or two food parcels since Christmas but no real supply.

"Mail from England is improving slowly though your letters take less time. News when we get it is not too bad though things appear moderately quiet. I guess B. R. is in the thick of it, lucky devil. Though I am afraid there will be many I know not so lucky. You still appear to think you can only write one sheet, that is sheer nonsense."

Japanese From U.S.A. Return Home

Dependents of Businessmen Arrive in Hikawa Maru

Yokohama, Mar. 22.

Carrying 15 Japanese women and children forming the first group of dependents of Japanese businessmen stationed on the east coast of the United States who are evacuating upon the advice of their respective home offices in Tokyo, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's Hikawa Maru arrived from Seattle this morning.

Also aboard the vessel was Mrs. Hatsuna Goodall, Japanese wife of a Canadian whom she said had been missing after visiting Shanghai when the Sino-Japanese hostilities broke out.

Five Japanese seamen, who shipped aboard the Greek freighter Perseus at Milke on January 15, 1940, returned after narrowly escaping shipwreck when the Perseus hit a magnetic mine outside a "secret" British port 50 miles from Swansea on November 20, 1940.

Mr. Shoichiro Hirose, 49-year old manager of the New York branch of the Nakayama Shokai, curio dealers, who arrived aboard the Hikawa Maru, denied that anti-Japanese sentiment in New York was "so bad." Out of the 2,000 Japanese in Gotham, 400 were expected to leave soon, according to Mr. Hirose.

He pointed out that these were mostly women and children of school age and also the members of the staffs of Japanese firms dealing in scrap iron, machinery, and other goods which became unexportable as a result of the embargo. Mr. Hirose added that the curio business was not effected by the political situation. —Domei.

Position of Chinese Dollar Analyzed

Question of Aid from Stabilization Fund

London, Mar. 22.

The recent easiness of the Chinese dollar is ascribed here to the Chinese Stabilization Fund's unwillingness to support the free market, not to the inability of the Fund to do so, since it doubtless retains large resources as a result of the recent United States credit.

Negotiations are proceeding to prevent sterling help to the Fund from feeding the Shanghai market, which is the main remaining loophole in the sterling exchange control.

Some quarters propose a Sino-British payments agreement, with the familiar special accounts, but giving Chinese sterling holders more latitude than is usual elsewhere in view of the international complexity of the Shanghai market.—Reuter.

French Envoy To Moscow Said Replaced

Moscow, Mar. 21.

Well informed diplomatic circles reported that M. Erik Labonne, French Ambassador to Soviet Russia, has received orders to return to Vichy. It was understood that he will be replaced by M. Henri Cosmé, French Ambassador to China. The report coincided with the announcement that the Soviet Chargé d'Affaires in Vichy, M. Alexei Bogomoloff, has been promoted to the rank of ambassador.—Domei.

Work on Yunnan-Burma Railway to Be Resumed

Chungking, Mar. 22.

The Chinese Government has definitely decided to resume construction on the Yunnan-Burma Railway. It is further learned that part of the funds to finance the construction of the railway will be raised through the issue of gold bonds.

Through special arrangements with the United States Government, it is reported that Washington has granted permission for China to float U.S. $10,000,000 worth of bonds in the United States for the construction of the Yunnan-Burma Railway.—Reuter.

Speculation on P.I. Commissionership

Roosevelt, Ickes Believed Discussing Candidates On Caribbean Cruise

Washington, Mar. 22.

Mr. Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, who is accompanying President Roosevelt on a 10 day fishing trip in the Caribbean, yesterday was reliably reported to be planning to discuss the Philippines High Commissionership with the President.

Mr. Ickes, it was understood, carries a memorandum canvassing the commissionership situation but it was not ascertainable here whether he contemplated recommending any candidate.

Thus far there have been no new State Department developments which definitely indicated that Mr. Francis B. Sayre, present High Commissioner to the Philippines, would be recalled. Officials said they had no further comments on the matter but usually reliable sources said it was planned to instal Mr. Sayre as a high adviser on international post-war reconstruction.

From the Philippines viewpoint several candidates were quietly but efficiently actively seeking the job. The candidates were headed by Mr. James H. R. Cromwell, former United States Minister to Canada.

Rear Admiral Harry Yarnell, former commander in chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, was also being mentioned as a possible candidate for the office. Many friends from important quarters were active in his behalf. Some top ranking officials were inclined to discount the possibility of Admiral Yarnell's appointment, mainly on account of his naval background. They contended the military and civilian branches should be kept distinctly separate during the present phase of Philippines-American relations.

Another "dark horse" is Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, former United States Ambassador to Great Britain, who is said already to have been contacted with reference to the commissionership but is said to be unenthusiastic.

President Roosevelt's attitude concerning such a recommendation is also questionable inasmuch as Mr. Kennedy is viewed in many quarters as an apostle of appeasement.

Insular officials here believed that Sr. Joaquin Elizalde, Philippines Resident Commissioner in Washington, has maintained a hands off attitude concerning the selection of a new commissioner but has maintained active interest in the possible recall of Mr. Sayre.

Official quarters said they knew nothing concerning the appointment of a new commissioner except what they had read in press reports. There seemed every indication Mr. Sayre would remain in Manila unless recalled here for equally important service.—United Press

Memorial Services Held For War Dead

Memorial services were held at the Nanking Memorial Hall at 7 o'clock on Friday evening, for those who died in action on Central China fronts since July, 1937 with the attendance of more then 130 persons representing the Japanese Consulate-General, the Japanese Residents' Corporation, and other organizations, the Shanghai "Mainichi" reported yesterday morning.

Casualties In Dacca Clashes Rise

Dacca, Mar. 22.

The situation here following the communal clashes three days ago is improving, though casualties have risen to 20 killed and 125 wounded, including an Indian deputy magistrate, who was stabbed and is in hospital. —Reuter.

Japan's Emperor Grants Amnesty To 88

Tokyo, Mar. 22.

The Emperor yesterday granted amnesty to 88 prisoners in various Japanese jails and prisons, on the occasion of celebration of the vernal equinox. All prisoners released had served one third of their terms it was said.—United Press.

SHIPPING NEWS

The **d'Artagnan**, fast mail liner of the Messageries Maritimes Co., is due here on Tuesday afternoon from Saigon and Manila with a large shipment of rice for local discharge. The liner will dock at Hunt's Wharf, Shanghai iSide.

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The **Shanghai Maru**, shuttle steamer of the Toa Kaiun Kaisya, running between Shanghai and Nagasaki, entered port yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, tying up at the Wayside Wharf. The vessel will sail for Japan this morning at 9.30.

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The ss. **President Taft**, luxury liner of the American President Lines, is scheduled to arrive in Shanghai from Manila on Tuesday morning, when she will tie up at the lower buoys 11 and 12. Passengers will be brought ashore by tender, the Merry Moller, which will reach the Customs Jetty at 9 a.m. The liner will sail for San Francisco and Los Angeles via Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Wednesday, the last tender leaving the Customs Jetty at 10 a.m.

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The D.K.K. **Tsingtao Maru**, operating on the Shanghai-Tsingtao-Dairen run, arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, berthing alongside the company's Whangpoo Wharf. The vessel, which carries mail and passengers, will remain here for 36 hours, sailing for the northern ports tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Registered and ordinary mail for the ship will be closed at the Post Office at 8 o'clock tonight and 7.15 tomorrow morning, respectively. Outgoing passengers are requested to embark from the wharf direct at least half an hour before sailing time.

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive today are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From CALCUTTA: Tottori Maru, with mail, due 1 p.m., N.Y.K. Wharf, Pootung side.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

STRAITS AND INDIA

From Bombay		From Karachi	
London M	— 29/3	Haruna M	— 25/3
From Calcutta			
Argun M	— 24/3		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From New York		From Honolulu	
P Grant	— 25/3	Asama M	18/3 7/4
Hokkai M	— 25/3	**From Manila**	
P Jackson	— 28/3	P Taft	16/3 25/3
Sanyo M	— 1/4	**From Yokohama**	
P Coolidge	— 8/4	Tokiwa M	— 1/4
Hiroku M	— 10/4	Hakone M	— 6/4
P Hayes	— 16/4	**From Kobe**	
Tokai M	— 23/4	Taiyo M	22/3 24/3
From Los Angeles		Yawata M	22/3 24/3
Yawata M	24/2 24/3	**From Nagasaki**	
Asama M	10/3 7/4	N'saki M	23/3 24/3
Tatuta M	24/3 28/4		
From Seattle			
C Alava	10/3 26/3		
Capillo	10/3 5/4		
C'wn City	20/3 14/4		

CHINA PORTS

From Dairen		From Hongkong	
Hoten M	22/3 24/3	P Taft	21/3 25/3

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The undermentioned vessels are due to leave Shanghai on the dates indicated.

For Calcutta		For Manila	
Hakodate M	25/3	Yawata M	25/3
For Karachi		P Grant	27/3
Tokiwa M	2/4	P Jackson	27/3
Hakone M	7/4	Capillo	7/4
For Capetown		Asama M	8/4
P Grant	27/3	P Coolidge	9/4
P Jackson	27/3	Tatuta M	29/4
For New York		**For Hongkong**	
Hokkai M	26/3	P Grant	27/3
P Grant	27/3	P Jackson	27/3
P Jackson	27/3	Capillo	7/4
Awata M	28/3	**For Yokohama**	
Sanyo M	3/4	P Taft	26/3
Hokuroku M	11/4	**For Kobe**	
P Hayes	17/4	Taiyo M	26/3
For Los Angeles		**For Nagasaki**	
P Taft	26/3	Shanghai M	23/3
Hokkai M	26/3	Nagasaki M	25/3
P Grant	27/3	Kobe M	26/3
Yawata M	4/4	**For Dairen**	
P Cleveland	5/4	Tsingtao M	24/3
Hokuroku M	11/4	Hoten M	26/3
For Seattle		Dairen M	28/3
Cape Alava	28/3		
Capillo	7/4		
Crown City	17/4		

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Lungshun	Chi.	Tai Ping
Koga M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Kobe M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Sisen M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Tainan M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Buyo M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Coldbrook	Am.	Everett

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	B.N.B.
D de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	K.S.D.
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
E. Carlotto	Itl.	Gbt.	1-2 B.
Lepanto	Itl.	Gbt.	1-2 B.

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Antai	Hsinkong	Chung Hua
Lushan M.	Takao	T.K.K.
Hsinyuan	Hsinkong	Tung Hai
Yichang	C'wangtao	Tai Ping
Shanghai M.	Japan	T.K.K.
Hosei M.	Korea	T.K.K.
Keian M.	Tsingtao	N.Y.K.
Meiyo	Hsinkong	S.V.O.C
Tsingtao M.	Dairen	D.K.K.

Vessels Discharging

TANTALUS & from Liverpool. Cargo GLENAPP. ex these vessels has arrived from Hongkong per Yochow, and is being discharged at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to hand in Bills of Lading in exchange for local Delivery Orders. Damaged Cargo will be examined on March 28, at 9.30 a.m. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 24-3

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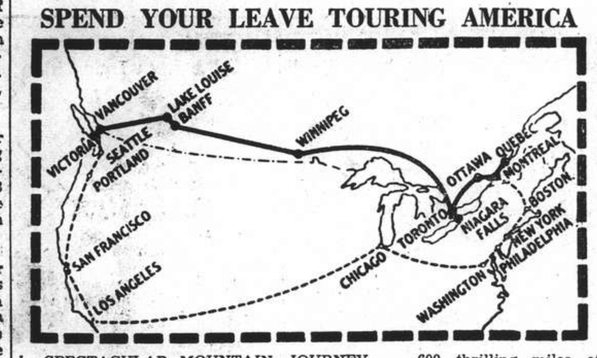

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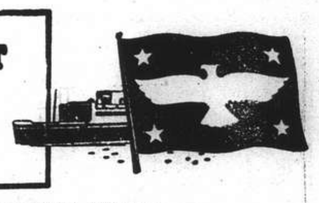

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U.S. $100 @ 5/16	$1.860.47
Yen 28 3/4	$100
Guilders 10	100
Rupees 18 1/8	100
Pesos 10 3/4	100
Hongkong $21 3/4	100
Closing 3 1/4 5 1/16	

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3 1/16d.	$ 71.11
U.S. $100 @ 5 1/2	$1.818.00
London—demand, $1=	3 9/16d.
4 months' sight credits	3 11/16d.
4 months' sight docts	3 7/16d.
6 months' sight credits	3 7/16d.
6 months' sight docts	3 11/16d.
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4 months' sight docts	U.S. 85 1/16

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Cash	Mar./Apr.	
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New York closing rate for Mar. 21 4.03½

Local Sellers of U.S.$ against £ at the close 3.92

Local Buyers of U.S.$ against £ at the close 3.92½

The local market opened with sellers of sterling at 3 1/16d. and of U.S.$. at 5 1/16. The market took on an easier tendency on political rumours and uncertainties with the result that quotations declined steadily throughout the morning. At the close the market was quieter but uncertain with sellers at:—

3 1/16 Sterling 5 1/16 U.S.$. Cash/Apr.

Foreign Exchanges

Closing, Mar. 21.

London £ Sterling T. T. on:			
New York	402.50	Bombay	1/6 1/32
Madrid	40.00	Hongkong	1/3 3/32
Berne	17.39	Singapore	2/4 1/32
Bel. Congo	176½	Yokohama	1/2 5/32
Shanghai	3 1/16d.	„ buying	1/2
New York U.S.$. T. T. on:			
Berlin	40.05	Japan	23.45-48
Spain	9.25 N.	Shanghai	5.52
Paris	2.33	Hongkong	24.58
Italy	5.05 N.	Hungary	19.85
S'zerland	23.22	Yugo Slavia	2.30
„ "free"	22.25	Greece	0.68 N.
Sweden	23.84	Finland	2.05
Montreal	85.000	Manila	49.80 N.
Brazil	5.05		
London			4.03½
Buenos Aires Paper			29.78
„ „ „ Market rate			23.15
Montreal on London			4.74½

*—Offered N—(Nom.—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London:	Mar. 21.
Fine Bank Bills, 3 months	1 1/16%
Bank Bills, 6 months	1 3/16%
Fine Trade Bills, 3 months	2 3/16%
Fine Trade Bills, 6 months	3 1/16%
Call money	0 1/16%
New York:	
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0 1/16%B 0 1/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 1/16%B 0 1/16%A
Call money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Mar. 22.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing
Atoks	.23
Antamok	.05 X
Baguio Gold	.14
Batong Buhay	.00715X
Big Wedge	.235
Ceco Grove	.06253X
Consolidated Mines	.0013
Demonstration	.05 X
East Mindanao	.0675
I. X. L.	.24
Ipo Gold	.05 X
Itogen	.1475X
Mambulao Consolidated	.01 X
Masbate Consolidated	.0325
Mine Operations	.055 X
Paracale Gumaus	.29 X
San Mauricio	.30 X
Surigao Consolidated	.195
Suyoc	.09 X
United Paracale	.1375
Mindanao Motherlode	.1275 S
Manila Hal-Alai	7.80 B
Benguet Consolidated (over the counter)	3.35 N.

Turnover (Morning Session): 2,800 Pesos.

Shares Index (Morning Session): 43.99.

S—Sales. X—Sellers. XD—Ex. Div.—Reuter.

Semambu R.E. Dividend

At a board Meeting held yesterday the directors of the Semambu Rubber Estates, Ltd., they decided to recommend to the shareholders at the annual general meeting which is to be held on April 8 that the balance of Chinese $404,785.13 standing to the credit of profit and loss account be dealt with as follows:—

	Ch.$
To pay final dividend of 10 cents per share making a total of 20 cents per share for the year	90,000.00
Pay the general managers commission of 2 per cent. on the total dividends	3,600.00
Write off certain Assets	156,949.05
Place to equalization of dividends account	90,000.00
Place to replacing reserve	50,000.00
Carry forward to New Account	14,236.08
	Ch.$404,785.13

New York Stocks

Friday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 21.

Stock prices on Wall Street today finished irregularly lower, with losses ranging from fractions to 2 points. The session was dull and featureless, as operators kept to the sidelines, owing to disturbing European developments and the absence of buying incentives.

Business news was also less encouraging, with declines in automobile output and retail sales.

The turnover today amounted to 470,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	123.39	122.26	122.47	—1.13
20 Rails	28.13	27.88	27.91	—0.06
15 Utilit.	19.95	19.74	19.81	—0.05
40 Bonds	——	——	Un.	—
11 Commod.	——	——	61.77	—0.19

	Mar. 20	21		Mar. 20	21
Adams Exp	5½	5½	Libbey O F	35	*34½
Air Lid	21½	21½	Lockheed	23½	22½
Allis Chal	29½	29	Loew's	32½	31½
Alum Ltd	*72	*72	Lott Inc	19	18½
Amer Can	85½	85½	Mack Trks	28½	27½
Am Cyan	33	33	Martin	28½	28½
Am For Pr	0½	0½	McK & R	26½	26½
„ $7 pfd	17	17½	Mont Ward	37	36½
Am Loco	13½	13½	Mountain	3½	3½
Am Metal	18½	18	Nat Avian	9½	9½
Am Smelt	40½	39½	Nat City E	*27½	*27½
Am Radiat	6½	6½	Nat Dairy	13½	13½
Am R Mill	13½	13½	Nat Dist	21½	21
Am Sug	18½	15½	Nat Lead	16½	15½
Am T & T	161½	161½	Nat P & L	7½	7½
Am Tob	68½	68½	Nat Sug	5½	5½
Am Wtwrks	6	5½	N Y Cent	12½	12½
Anaconda	24½	24½	Nrg Hud	9½	9½
Atchison	24½	23½	N A Avian	14½	14½
Avian Con	3½	3½	N Am Co	15½	15
Bald Loco	15½	14½	N Pac	6	5½
Balt & Ohio	3½	3½	O I Glass	*43	40½
Barber	*8½	8½	Pac G & E	27½	27½
Barns Oil	8½	8	Packard	2½	2½
Bendix	35½	35¼	Pan A Air	19½	19½
Beth Steel	77½	77½	Paramount	12½	12½
Bliss	16½	15½	Pen R R	28½	28½
Boeing	15½	15½	Phil Pet	38½	38½
Borg War	17½	17½	P S of N J	25½	25½
Briggs	21½	*21½	Pullman	24½	24½
Budd Mfg	4	4	Pure Oil	7½	7½
Can Pac	3½	3½	Radio	4½	4½
Case J I	*98	*98	Reading	*14½	14½
Celanese	23½	22½	Rem Arms	*5	*4½
Chase N B	*32½	*31½	Rep Avian	4	3½
Ches & O	38½	38½	Reo Steel	19	18½
Chrysler	65½	63½	Rev Cop	*9½	9½
Col G & E	4	4	Rev Tob B	30½	30½
Col Credit	29	26½	Safeway	39½	39
Com & Sth	0½	0½	Schenley	9½	9½
Cons Edis	21½	21	Sears Roeb	73½	72
Cons Oil	5½	5½	Shell U Oil	12½	11½
Cont Oil	17½	18½	Soc Vac	8½	8½
Cont Can	36½	36½	Stnrn Pac	9½	9½
Cold St	15½	15	Stnrn Rly	22½	21½
Curtis Wr	9	8½	Spicer	*33	*33
„ A	27	26½	Std Brands	6½	6½
Deere	20½	20½	Std G & E	0½	0½
Dist Cpn	*16½	16½	Std Oil C	19½	19½
Douglas	74½	73½	Std Oil N J	35½	35½
Du Pont	147½	147½	Stone & W	7½	6½
E P Lead	*9	*9	Studebaker	*6½	6½
Eaton Mfg	33	*32½	Swift Int	18½	18½
Elec A Lite	29½	29½	Technicor	8½	9
Elec B & S	3½	3½	Tex Corp	35½	35½
„ $5 pfd	59½	59½	Tex Gulf	*36	36
„ $6 pfd	67½	66½	Timken	31½	31
Elec P & L	3½	3½	Transamer	4½	4½
Firestone	13½	*13½	Tw Cent	6½	6
Gen A Tr	52½	51½	Un B & P	11½	11½
Gen Elec	32½	32½	Un Carbide	67½	67
Gen Motor	43½	43	Un Pac	77½	77½
Gen Rly	*13½	13½	Un Air	33½	33½
Gen T & R	11½	11½	Un A Lines	12½	12½
Gillden	*13½	*13½	Un Cpn	1½	1
Goodrich	13½	13	„ $3 pfd	25½	25½
„ $5 pfd	*61	*61	Un Gas	0½	0½
Goodyear	18½	17½	Un Gas	8½	8½
G t N I Ore	14½	14½	U S Ind	*24	24
G t N Rly	25½	25	U S Rub	23	22½
G t W Sug	26½	25½	„ 8 pfd	*89½	89½
Grey Corp	†11½	11½	U S Smelt	60	59½
Her Pow	71	69½	U S Steel	57	56½
Homestake	47½	47½	Vanadium	27	26½
Int Nickel	26½	26½	Vultee	*6½	6½
Int Paper	13½	13½	Walworth	4½	4½
Int T & T	2½	*2½	War Br Pic	3½	3
Johns Man	61½	61	West Elec	96½	93½
Kennecott	34½	34	Woodward	28	28

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	56	56½
Australia Comm.	59½	59½
Balt. & Ohio "A"	45	44½
Brazil (U.S. of) 8% 1941	19½	*19
„ „ „ 6½% 1957	16½	16½
Cities Serv. Pwr. & Lt.	94½	95
Erie 5s 1967	20½	20½
Int. Tel. & Tel.	44⅝	43½
New England Gas & Elec.	65	64½
Stnrn. Pacific Co.	47¾	46¼
Stand. Gas & Elec.	86⅜	87

*—Bid. †—Ex dividend.

Dow-Jones Summary

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices on Wall Street today worked irregularly lower, especially near the close, as traders anxiously watched Balkan developments, the air war over Britain and German Yugoslav negotiations. Utilities ruled strong on the belief that holding companies' senior securities will fare better under the Securities and Exchange Commission integration plans than previously. Business news included declines in automobile output and also the retail trade, partly due to bad weather and strikes. Curtiss-Wright 1940 net earnings have been placed at $1.81 per share, compared with $0.39 per share last year.

Stocks:—There was further deterioration in leadership, which suggests lower prices before a real rally sets in. Bank clearings were up 0.219 per cent.

STATISTICS

	Week Ended 21/3	Week Ended 14/3
Production of cars and trucks (Ward's estimate)	124,805 (units)	131,410 (units)

EARNINGS

Stocks	Period	1940	1939
Curtiss-Wright	Yr. 31/12	$1.81	$0.39

Cotton:—Mill price fixing against a strong forward textile demand prevented participation in the reactionary tendency of other markets.

Wheat:—Ruled barely steady. The cash demand was less aggressive, as large releases from loan stocks were reported. There is some apprehension that the German Spring offensive may develop into unfavourable market news.

Corn:—The unexpected announcement of a reduction of one-cent in the premium of Government held stocks and increased country offerings precipitated selling.

Rubber:—Reports of the contemplated release of fifty merchant vessels to England failed to affect the steady advance.

Hides:—Conditions were quiet and unchanged.

Cocoa:—The sharp early decline on profit taking and reports of a Government measure to halt the advancing rates of cargo was quickly reversed when reports arrived from Berlin stating that extensive sinkings took place on the West African Coast.

Sugar:—Ruled active and firm on substantial producer covering, as the Cuban Congress passed the Loan Legislation, and indications of renewed London buying.

Repah Rubber Dividend

At a board meeting held yesterday the directors of the Repah Rubber and Tapioca Estates, Ltd., decided to recommend to the shareholders at the annual general meeting which is to be held on April 17, that the balance of Ch.$489,158.31 standing to the credit of profit and loss account be dealt with as follows:—

	Ch.$
To pay a final dividend of 12 Chinese Dollar cents per share making a total of 22 cents per share for the year	162,000.00
Pay the general managers commission of 2 per cent. on the total dividends	5,940.00
Write off certain assets	141,809.46
Place to replanting reserve	100,000.00
Place to equalization of dividends account	67,500.00
Carry forward	11,908.85
	Ch.$489,158.31

London Stocks

Friday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 21.

Prices on the London Stock Exchange today closed steadier, after ruling undecided and easier on Balkan uncertainties, with business remaining very quiet.

British gilt-edged securities and home rails were about unchanged, while industrials recorded small losses in most sections. Dividend paying Kaffirs ruled steady, while non-producers were slightly easier.

Japanese and Brazilian bonds receded, but Sao Paulo Railway advanced three points.—Reuter.

	Mar. 20	21
U.K. LOANS		
3½% War Loan (Red.)	£104 3/16	104 3/16
3% Defence Loan	101 5/16	101 5/16
CHINESE LOANS		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	42	42
4½% Anglo-French Loan	40—44	40—44
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	24	24
5% Reorg Loan, 1913	31	31
5% Stg. Notes, 1925	8—10	8—10
5% Honan Rly., 1905	14	14
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	14	14
5% „ „ „ (Ger. Is.)	12	12
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	12	12
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	14	14
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	12	12
5% „ „ G.	12	12
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B.	12	12
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G.	12	12
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	11	11
5% Chinese Imp. Rly.	47	47
JAPANESE BONDS		
5% Sterling Loan, 1907	20¼	20¼
5% Sterling Loan, 1924	24½	24
BANKS AND INSURANCE		
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	8½	8¾
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	74	74
„ „ „ (Col. Reg.)	77 N	77 N
Mercantile Bank of India	11½	11½
National Bank of India	31¾	31¾
N'n Ins. Soc. of Canton	23	23
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIALS		
Bristol Aeroplane	10/1½	10/1½
British American Tobacco	86/10½	86/3
Dunlop Rubber	33/6	33/3
Imp. Chem. Industries	30/1½	30/1½
United Steel	20/6	20/6
Woolworths	47/-	47/3
MINES		
Chinese Eng. & Min.	15/-	15/-
Chosen Corp	4/-	4/-
Charsman Investments	6/6	6/6
Pekin-Syndicate	1/6	1/6
Rub-Nigel	142/6	145/-
Western Holdings	9/9	9/4½
MISCELLANEOUS		
Great Western Rly.	33¼	33¼
Gula Kalumpang Rubber	15/9	15/9
London, Midland & Scot.	12⅝	12½
Shai Elec. Construction	12/6	12/6
Shai Waterworks "A"	11½	11½
Shell Transport & Trad.	41/3	41/3

N—Nom.

U.S. Commodities

Friday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 21.

In the cotton market, trade and speculative buying were early offset by profit taking and liquidation. Later, prices rallied on shorts covering and favourable conditions in the dry goods trade. Finally, the market closed firm on a good "spot" demand, with quotations ranging from 5 to 10 points up.

Prices in the rubber market today advanced on some trade and factory buying, higher London cables, shorts covering and more dealer interest. At the close, gains of 1 to 21 points were recorded.

Wheat futures in Chicago today were depressed by favourable weather reports, increasing loan repossessions, lower Winnipeg advices, hedgeselling and liquidation. At the final bell, losses of 3/4 to 1 cent were registered.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
May	10.62-62 +06	May	22.55-60 +13
July	10.77-77 +05		B/A
Oct.	10.67-67 +07	July (N.C.)	
Dec.	10.67-67 +09		22.15-15 +20
Jan.	10.65 N. +09	Sept. (N.C.)	
Mar.	10.63 N. +10		21.50B-60A +01
		Dec. (N.C.)	
			21.45 A +21
N. Y. Sugar No. 3		N. Y. Sugar No. 4	
May	2.38-39 +2	May	0.82½-83½ +4
	B/A		B/A
July	2.41-42 +2	July	0.88-89½ +4½
	B/A		B/A
Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	87¼-87½ —1	May	63¾-63¾ —1⅛
July	84½-84⅝ —¾	July	64 B —1
New York Silk No. 1			
May	2.85B-86A —01		

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

British Commodities

Friday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 21.

The rubber market today ruled firm on covering and the scarcity of offers.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 14 7/16 +1/16; sellers 14 9/16 +1/16; Apr. del. buyers 14 1/16 +1/16; sellers 14 3/16 +1/16.

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: Mar. 8.60 —6; May 8.61 —6; July 8.62 —6; Oct. 8.56 —6. Egyptian Futures: Giza, F.G.F. No. 7: No. 2 Contract: Mar. 11.08 +1; May 11.07 +1; July 11.03 +1; Nov. 11.05 +1.

London Metals: Tin, Standard, cash, middle price £273⅛ +½; 3 mths, middle price £270⅞ unc.—Reuter.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Cotton yn., 20's, D.H. p.b. Cash	$1,402
Tungchow cotton .. per picul	222
Shanghai Cotton .. per picul	209
	picul
Raw silk, Steamfil, 20/22 78%	$5,300
Flour, local .. per bag (49lb.)	$25.00
Flour, export per bag (49lb.)	29.10

London Bullion

London, Mar. 21.

London Gold: Bar, Fine, per oz..... 168/- unchanged.

London Silver: The market ruled quiet, with a little selling in evidence, but no buying. After the official fixing the market was quiet and featureless, with very little business passing.

Spot	23 7/16d. —1/16d.
Forward	23 7/16d —1/16d.

—Reuter.

Brokerage Loans

New York, Mar. 22.

The Federal Reserve System announced yesterday that brokerage loans last week totalled US$336,000,000 off US$18,000,000 compared to the previous week's total and off US $149,000,000 compared to the total for the corresponding week in 1940.—United Press.

China's Railway Developments

Gets Rails from Disused Roads by Pulling Up the Line from Indo-China

Free China has plenty of openings for railroads if it only had the rails. One interesting solution to this problem has developed through the necessity for isolating French Indo-China, under Japanese domination now, from Yunnan province with which it was formerly linked by the French railway line painfully constructed through mountain and jungle.

The Chinese have been serving military and civil necessity alike by pulling up the rails from the Indo-China border. Around the beginning of December more than 90 kilometres of line had been thus removed, states the 'Christian Science Monitor."

It is believed that extensive damage has been done to bridges and tunnels, so that the Japanese will not find it easy to reconstruct the line in the event that they attempt this well-nigh impossible task (hard enough with nothing but nature to fight, and in this instance probably subject to constant extra harassment by Chinese guerrillas). Whatever happens to the immoveable assets of the railway, there will be no waste of the previous rails.

Set Up New Lines

These are being taken up to railhead at Kunming where they are promptly going down on the ties again in connection with new lines to the north and west of the Yunnan capital. One line is toward the Yangtze port of Suifu and it eases the burden of truck traffic between Kunming and Chungking.

The other is toward Tali on the Burma road and it will cut the amount of truck traffic (and therefore of gasoline consumption) for bringing American, Russian and other goods in from Burma.

It is understood that a major difficulty lies in the fact that the French railway is notable for its curves, and that the rails needed on new lines don't always take the same twists. However, the ingenious Chinese workers have set themselves the task of working out a technique of rail-straightening, and on a basis of past experience it seems safe to assume that this will form no major obstacle.

French Track

The French railway track seems all up between the French border station of Laokai and the Chinese Maritime Customs station at Mengtsze. By early spring it is believed that the whole Kunming-Mengtsze portion of the line will have been removed, although presumably it will not be deemed necessary to demolish tunnels and bridges over the upper parts of the road and of course the Chinese would prefer to spare themselves demolition effort now, and reconstruction effort later.

The "scorched earth policy" has dictated much worse sacrifices before this, but seldom (save in the case of factories whose machinery could be removed inland) has it been possible to profit as much as in the present instance.

Roads Being Built

A number of other railways are still being built in free China but such lines as the Chungking-Chengtu railway, now perfect over most of its length aside from the actual laying of rails, are not being considered as serviceable at any early date because of the lack of rails.

Especially on the line just mentioned, this factor was taken into account virtually from the start if the beginning occurred under wartime conditions. Photos of the railway right-of-way to Chengtu show that tunnels, roadbed and bridges have been scrupulously constructed by Chinese direction and labour according to the highest foreign standards. Once rails are made available, these lines can be completed in jig-time.

New York Stock Exchange Dull

New York, Mar. 21.

Trading on the Stock Exchange was dull today and stocks and bonds closed irregularly and lower with mixed trading in commodities.

Financial attention was centred on discussions in Pittsburgh between officials of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (C. I. O. affiliate) and the Carnegie-Illinois Steel company over renewal of a labour contract.

The Union is seeking wage increases and whatever contract is agreed upon will form the basis for other steel contracts, and thus probably determine whether the industry will raise second quarter steel prices.

The union is said to be seeking 10 per cent wage increases while informed sources said it was unlikely Carnegie would grant more than five per cent. hikes.

Meanwhile, some minor recessions occurred in the general business situation as shown by weekend reports.

For example automobile production totalled 124,805 automobiles and trucks compared with 131,141 the previous week and 103,395 the same period in 1940. Retail trade declined fractionally because of unseasonally severe weather.—United Press.

Car Loadings Up

New York, Mar. 22.

Car loadings last week totalled 758,693 cars, 16,771 cars more than the previous week's total and 139,748 cars more than the total for the corresponding week in 1940, the Association of American Railways announced today.—United Press.

Share Values

The statistical value of the International Investment Trust Co., of China, Ltd., shares last Friday was $31.14, and of the Yangtsze Finance Co. Ltd., $22.41.

Chartered Bank Dividend

At shareholders meeting of the Chartered Bank of Indian, Australia and China on April 2 directors will recommend a final dividend ten per cent. per annum subject income tax £50,000. pension fund £50,000. premises account £182,602-9-11 carried forward.

U.S. Zinc, Copper Is Held Inadequate

Further Expansion of Production Necessary

New York

Almost a year and a half ago, promptly on the outbreak of the European war, Revere Copper and Brass, Inc., began a programme of expansion at all its plants to enable it to greatly increase its production of sheet brass, an absolute essential for cartridge and shell cases, according to a statement just issued by C. Donald Dallas, President of the Revere company.

Facing Shortage

"Export orders, principally British," Mr. Dallas continued, "took up this expansion as rapidly as it was available. Now our own Government's requirements are superimposed on this in enormous quantities, and it is going to be necessary to still further and substantially increase productive facilities on sheet brass.

"Even at our present capacity production, running six days a week, three shifts, we are facing a shortage of raw material. There simply isn't sufficient copper and zinc available in the country to supply the demand. Substantial increases in productive capacity now under way will make this condition extremely serious.

"Copper mines in the United States are operating at capacity, yet stocks are being reduced at the rate of about 20,000 tons a month, and there is practically no copper for sale at the present time. Hence, buyers are bidding premium for what small lots are offered, states the "Christian Science Monitor."

Government to Import

"The Government has recognized this condition to the extent of arranging to bring in 100,000 tons of copper at the rate of about 14,000 tons a month, starting in March. This copper will be used for United States Government requirements, and to that extent will relieve the domestic situation. This, however, is not going to be adequate.

"The copper situation can be met promptly in one of two ways—either by increasing this tonnage, or by reducing the present tariff from 4c to 2c a pound. This would probably be quite feasible, either by the Tariff Commission finding that the difference in cost between United States production and foreign production was only 2c a pound instead of 4c and on the basis of such findings reducing the present tariff to 2c; or by the State Department making a reciprocal treaty with some country, for instance Mexico, making the tariff 2c a pound which would automatically bring in Chile under the Most Favoured Nation Clause on the same basis. Over this barrier copper would flow freely and at the same time there would be adequate protection for United State producers.

Zinc Situation Acute

"On zinc the situation is still more acute because there is a bottleneck both in Prime Western and in the refined grades necessary for the manufacture of cartridge brass. The current estimate that the consumption of zinc will increase from around 600,000 tons in 1939 to around 800,000 tons in 1941 falls far short of the mark. The probability is that the consumption of zinc this year would well exceed 1,000,000 tons if it were available, and in 1942 a new brass mill production comes into the picture, the requirements will be far in excess of this.

"Of zinc there is no quick and easy solution as there is for the copper situation. To obtain required quantities of refined zinc means the building of new smelters and refineries. These take time to build after they are contracted for. It is only by recognizing these problems at once and in a realistic manner that there is any hope of their solution."

Chu Min Yi Leaves Tokyo for Nanking

Tokyo, Mar. 22.

Dr. Chu Min-yi, first Nanking Ambassador to Japan since the restoration of diplomatic relations between the two countries on November 30, 1940, left Tokyo station at 9.25 p.m. for Nanking.—Domei.

New Air Service

A regular air service between Shanghai and Hangchow will be inaugurated by the China Aviation Company on April 1, the Shanghai "Mainichi" reported yesterday morning. According to the present schedule there will be one plane each way every day. The fare will be Y25 for one way and an additional 50 sen for each piece of hand luggage.

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Prospects of U.S.$. Devaluation

Financial Circles are Undisturbed; Reliance On Federal Borrowing

On the basis of present budgetary requirements, a Federal debt limit of $65,000,000,000 or thereabout is envisioned by Congressional leaders. This is an increase of about $16,000,000,000 from the present debt limit of $49,000,000,000, which comprises the $45,000,000,000 present statutory limit and the $4,000,000,000 authorized by the Defence Tax Act. At other times a proposed increase of this magnitude would lead to the suspicion that further devaluation of the dollar would be considered as a means of helping out.

The truth of the matter is that the only talk in financial circles at present with respect to possible further devaluation of the dollar has to do with removing the unused power still in the hands of the President, states Mr. E. J. Condlon in the "New York Times" of Jan. 26. In this connection it may be noted in passing that the seventh birthday of the present dollar will be observed at 3.10 p.m. on Jan. 31.

On Jan. 31, 1934, President Roosevelt placed his signature to the proclamation which reduced the gold content of the dollar from 25.8 grains of nine-tenths fineness to 15 5-21 grains, which meant that the Treasury would pay $35 a troy ounce, less mint charges and ¼ of 1 per cent handling charges, against $20.67 formerly. Popularly, this meant a reduction in the value of the dollar to 59.06 cents. This resulted in a "profit" on the mone ary gold stock of the time of $2,808.000,000, of which $2,000,000,000 went to the Treasury's stabilization fund and the balance to the Treasury's general fund.

After the interval of seven years the stabilization fund is carried on the Treasury's books at $1,800,000,000 and the "balance of the increment resulting from reduction in the weight of the gold dollar" amounts to $148,037,240. The high hopes for the success of this move and all its ramifications have not been realized.

Rise in Excess Reserves

The influx of foreign gold, with the resul ant rise in excess reserves, has risen to plague the financial situation. To those who advised the move in the first place, however, there is the consolation that the war in Europe would have upset the applecart anyway. Anyhow, the United States now has a monetary gold stock of more than $22,000,000,00. which is about 75 per cent. of the monetary gold of the world, and the member banks of the Federal Reserves of $6,860,000,000.

The price level in the United States has not been affected materially by the stroke of the pen that ushered in the 59.06-cent dollar. For example, if the average level of share prices may be thought to have a barometric significance, it is interesting to note that on Jan. 31, 1934, the "New York Times" index of fifty representative stocks traded on the New York Stock Exchange closed at 93.33, which is approximately a single point from the level today.

Financing Defence Effort

The proposed increase in the statutory limit of the Federal debt takes care of budgetary requirements up to June, 1942, but the outcome of the actual financial cost of aiding Britain obviously cannot be predicted with any degree of accuracy. There is no doubt that the Treasury will utilize every resource at its command to borrow from banks and other institutions and from investors, large and small, as the main reliance on the financing of the defence effort necessarily will have to be through borrowing. Taxes will be stepped up to bear part of the burden, but it is some comfort to know that there is no serious move at the moment to seek aid in balancing the books by artificial monetary devices.

Russian Navy Personnel Promoted

Moscow, Mar. 22.

Admiral L. M. Galler, former Chief of the Soviet Naval Staff, has been elevated to the post of Naval Vice-Commissar, while Admiral I. S. Sackov, former commander of the Baltic Fleet has been appointed Chief of Staff with the post of first vice-Commissar.—United Press.

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Hunger, Cold, Pessimism And Fear Grip Europe

Conditions Declared Going from Bad to Worse On Continent; Living Costs Soaring Rapidly

New York, Mar. 22.

EUROPE'S Four Horsemen are Hunger, Cold, Pessimism and Fear. "I saw them all on a long tour of 15 continental countries from Moscow to Lisbon," declares a United Press Correspondent.

Europe's masses are hungry. They are cold. They are losing Hope. They fear the future.

A year ago conditions were far from good. Today they are bad and getting worse.

Among the countries least touched by the war are Switzerland and Sweden. But even in those sturdy nations only those with money can keep warm and not even the wealthy can have hot baths as often as they like. Rationing is the general rule for such necessities as food, clothing, coal and gasoline and in most countries many things catalogued as necessities no longer exist.

Living costs in Europe have increased during the past years from 25 to 200 per cent. Those who lack the price do without. In Poland, Belgium, Spain, Norway and occupied France prices in many food categories are meaningless because supplies are exhausted.

Europe's millions are hungry for butter, fats, oils, white bread, coffee, tea, chocolate and cheese. In many regions the hunger extends to meat sugar, fruits and vegetables not to mention scores of items now labelled luxuries."

Fuel Needed

Europe's millions are cold, first, because they lack fuel for heating and because they lack the material from which warm clothing is made. Woollens, leather and rubber are as sharply rationed as butter. "I tried for six weeks to buy a pair of rubber overshoes in Zurich and finally gave up," stated the correspondent.

"The people of Europe go hungry and cold because everywhere war or the fear of war makes civilian needs secondary to military necessity," he continued. "Men and women who might cultivate fruits and vegetables are carrying rifles or making shells. Coal which might heat houses is supplying war industries. Gasoline and oil which might drive produce trucks are powering airplanes and tanks.

"Europeans are not as clean as they were a year ago. Soap is hard to get and poor in quality. In most countries the ration is four bars a year for one person.

1942 Feared

"Many who merely are hungry now may be starving a year hence if the war goes into the winter of 1942. Reserves accumulated in anticipation of war rapidly are being depleted. Production has fallen off—probably as much as 40 per cent, some economists say.

"The millions of Poles and Frenchmen who were captured or killed account for much of the production losses in their countries and the destruction of all private incentive is blamed in other occupied areas.

"Germans generally appear to be well fed. That is to say food of certain categories is plentiful if you have the price and can stand a little vitamin deficiency.

"German control of the food producing countries of Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France and Rumania and commercial arrangements with Yugoslavia, Hungary, Sweden and Russia have augmented the German supply of such items as butter, fats and eggs. But prices are high.

Bootlegged Meals

"A German housewife who wanted to prepare a really good meal for four persons—and wasn't above patronizing the ration dodging "black markets"—would need at least 100 reichsmarks (US$49 at the official rate of exchange). Bootlegged, real coffee for four persons would cost her about US$2. A six pound roasting duck would set her back around US$36. Butter, vegetables and other odds and ends would easily add up to US$4.

"Prices as I found them included: Butter 72 cents a pound, ersatz coffee US$1.40 to US$1.80, real coffee on the black market US$10.50 to US$21, tea on the black market US$21 to US$33, beer, beef, mutton and pork in rationed quantities 50 to 60 cents, veal 50 to 80 cents, sausage 70 to 80 cents and ducks and chickens live weight US$6 to US$8.

On the train from Munich to Berlin I ordered a cup of tea which was served with a lemon yellow, heavy, sticky, substitute cream. It cost 95 pfennings or about US38 cents. In a Berlin restaurant I ordered a modest dinner for myself and two guests. The bill was US$27.20.

Swiss Also Suffer

Switzerland with its high per capita wealth has had to alter its living standards drastically. Food rationing started last November. Coal and petrol consumption is restricted greatly. Hot water for baths is permitted only from Saturday afternoon to Saturday night.

In Sweden the fuel shortage became so acute that tea kettles were equipped with whistles to signal the exact moment of boiling. Private homes are not permitted to heat water at all except in tea kettles. Automobiles burn coke or wood to conserve petrol.

Spain needs food so badly that the prospect of German occupation is a nightmare. Food lines form daily in all metropolitan areas. Milk with a little cream content is issued only to children, mothers and pregnant women. Butter, eggs and fats are rarities.

Russia is experiencing a shortage of consumer goods in general. Medium sized double boilers for cooking for example cost US$12 to US$20 each. Food lines still form in front of the collective stores in Moscow and other centres. Basic food prices are 10 to 40 percent higher than a year ago.

The least hungry nations thus far are Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia. The hungriest are Poland, Belgium, Spain, Norway and occupied France.—United Press.

Threat of Martial Law in Holland

Warning Issued by German Commissar; Disturbances Believed Growing

London, Mar. 22.

A threat to impose martial law on the whole or parts of the Netherlands if necessary for maintenance of public order and safety has been made by the German Commissioner, according to a report from Berlin.

The statement adds: "Should the order be applied the Reich Commissioner will appoint a special authority who will be responsible for all public administration except police duties and be empowered to issue legal instruction. Those who participate in subversive activities endangering public order or who ignore the special instructions of the Reich Commissioner will be dealt with according to regulations imposed by martial law. The German High Court of Justice will act as a court-martial according to the principles laid down for special courts in the Reich."

Widespread disturbances and strikes in the Netherlands with heavy fines on cities concerned recently have been reported and a week ago 15 Dutchmen alleged to have been convicted of sabotage and espionage were shot by the Germans.—Reuter.

Eastern Group Council To Begin Work

Purpose to Stimulate All War Production

New Delhi, Mar. 22.

The Eastern Group Supply Council will begin functioning here in a few days with the arrival in India of a New Zealand representative.

Other members of the Council from Australia, South Africa, and India, and the United Kingdom chairman, Sir Archibald Carter, have already arrived and attended a press conference yesterday.

Members stated that there was no question of limiting supplies from India to obtain them from other parts of the Eastern Empire group. The whole problem of the Council was to stimulate production in every country in the group. The Council had been formed to facilitate the practical carrying out of the policy laid down at the Eastern Group Conference at New Delhi in 1940.

Supplying troops in the Eastern group (whether in the field or their own countries) is to proceed as smoothly as possible and with the smallest drain on shipping.—Reuter.

Russian Boys Still Held by Chinese

Mr. N. A. Ivanow Visits Shanghai Municipality

Hopes for the release of four Russian boys, M. Chistohin, E. Gallunas, L. Alexieff and G. Poliakoff, who were arrested by the Chinese police in the Hungjao district on Thursday afternoon, were brighter yesterday. Mr. N. A. Ivanow, Chairman of the Russian Emigrants' Committee was reported to have seen officials of the Shanghai Municipality, who promised him to look into the matter.

The four boys, the eldest of whom is only sixteen years old, were hunting for birds' nests when they were arrested by the police. They were first taken to the Lincoln sub-station and were later transferred to Pootung. It was alleged that they had been beaten by the police.

Women's Domestic Cooperative Shop

A women's domestic co-operative shop sponsored by the Shanghai Y.W.C.A., was officially opened yesterday afternoon at the Association's premises at 999 Bubbling Well Road, by Mrs. W. F. Wang. This shop, started in February this year, is on the consumers' co-operative basis. Each member must buy at least one $10 share but cannot hold more than ten shares. The goods on sale, which include household necessaries, clothing for children and adults and toys, are purchased direct from the factory and sold to the public at a lower price than they are in local shops. Members receive an extra 2 per cent. discount on all purchases. The members take turns in looking after the shop which is open from two till five each afternoon except Saturdays and Sundays.

An exhibition was also held, displaying the various products that are on sale in the shop together with the name of the firm from which they came. After the opening ceremony some short sketches, dances and songs were presented by the Physical, Social Service, Business Girls; Students, Y Girls, Family Women, Hotel and General departments. There was an excellent attendance of members with their families and friends, all of whom appeared very enthusiastic and seemed to welcome the prospect of being able to shop on this co-operative basis at a definite financial saving to themselves.

Ohashi and Craigie Have Discussion

Tokyo, Mar. 22.

Various Anglo-Japanese problems were understood to have been discussed during a 30-minute interview beginning this morning between the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chuichi Ohashi, and the British Ambassador, Sir Robert L. Craigie.—Domei.

300 Homeless After Fire in Japan

Chiba, Mar. 22.

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	At Cathedral	At Siccawei
Temperature yesterday	min. 50.0 max. 75.0	min. 49.5 max. 57.2
„ same date last year	min. 37.0 max. 51.0	min. 33.8 max. 55.8
Rainfall: Trace.		

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SHANGHAI, SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 1941 (26th day of 2nd moon)

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Pan American Airways Service per steamer on Mar. 26, 5.30 p.m. registered and 6.30 p.m. ordinary due San Francisco on Apr. 8. Air mails for Europe may be sent by this service to U.S.A. for connection with the P.A.A. Trans-Atlantic Air Service.

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TO-DAY'S EVENTS

MARCH

23 S'hai Municipal Orchestra Lyc. 8.15
23 *British National Day of Prayer*
23 *Memel handed over to Germany (1939).*

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

29 Shanghai Club, Annual Meeting, 5.30
26 Annual Meeting China Bible House
27 For Y. Debate: 'Grass-Widowers Social Menace' 9 p.m.
27 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg S.I.B.C. 3
27 U.S. Marines/Police Amateur Boxing Smoker, S.V.C. Drill Hall 8.30 p.m.
28 K. A. Persen broadcasting XMHA, 9
29 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc 9 p.m.
30 Christian Science B'cast, XMHA, 6.30
31 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc. 9 p.m.

APRIL

1 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc. 9 p.m.
1 Royal Air Force Association, Annual Dinner at The Dome 8.30
2 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc. 9 p.m.
3 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc. 9 p.m.
4 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc. 9 p.m.
5 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc 3.00
5 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc. 9 p.m.
6 J.T.A. 'Ten Minute Alibi' Alliance Française, 11 Route Vallon at 9. p.m.
10 Jumble Sale Limbless, U. C. Hall. 9.30 a.m.
13 Christian Science B'cast, XMHA, 6.30
17 Royal Asiatic Society Lecture on 'Ching Teh Chen'

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from the 3rd to the 17th April 1941, both days inclusive.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that at the same time and on the same day at 11.45 a.m. or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary General Meeting shall be concluded an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following Resolutions as Special Resolutions namely:—

"That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, that is to say:

(a) In Article 2 the words: 'Extraordinary Resolution means a Resolution of the Company passed in accordance with Section 70 (1) of the Companies Ordinance 1911 (Hongkong)' Special Resolution means a Resolution of the Company passed in accordance with Section 70 (2) of 'the Companies Ordinance 1911 (Hongkong)' shall be cancelled.

(b) The following words shall be substituted therefor: "Extraordinary Resolution and Special Resolution shall mean an Extraordinary Resolution and a Special Resolution as respectively defined in the Companies Ordinance 1932 or as may be defined in any subsequent statutory modification thereof."

(c) That in Article 16 the words "such fee as the Board may from time to time determine" be substituted for the words "a fee of one tael."

(d) That in Article 18 the words "of such amount as the Board may from time to time determine" be substituted for the words "one tael and no more."

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Barometer (inches)	29.83	29.94	29.95	29.98
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.03	+0.11	+0.13	+0.10
at 32 F. („ „ 12 hrs.)	+0.01	+0.06	+0.12	+0.04
Wind (direction)	ENE	NNE	NE	E
„ (miles per hour	10.6	11.2	10.6	10.6
Temperature (Fahr.)	73.0°	52.9°	50.7°	50.7°
Humidity (per cent)	69	99	97	99
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	0	10	10	10
Rainfall (inches)	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report Mar. 21	Mean 1941	24 hrs. variation	68 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	29.87	+0.01	30.12
Temperature: min. 52.7° max. 84.7°	69.7°	+5.8°	48.0°
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	8.71	—	6.53

Time and Tide	23/3	24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3	28/3	29/3
Sun rises at Shanghai	5.56	5.55	5.53	5.52	5.51	5.50	5.49
Sun sets at Shanghai	12.06	18.07	18.08	18.09	18.10	18.11	18.11
Moon rises at Shanghai	2.55	3.37	4.15	4.50	5.24	5.58	6.32
Moon sets at Shanghai	14.05	15.01	15.56	16.50	17.43	18.36	19.28
Flood makes Shai. (day)	6.55	8.18	9.21	10.12	10.55	11.27	11.45
Ebb makes Shai. (day)	12.12	13.13	14.06	14.48	15.35	16.10	16.40
H.W. W'sung Bar (day)	9.35	10.40	11.15	11.40	12.15	12.50	13.10
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	8.50	9.38	9.64	8.90	9.78	10.10	10.30

THE WEATHER

(See top of page, left)

State on the morning of the 21st:—Low and rising pressure over China: normal and unsteady over Japan. Freshening northerly to easterly winds along the China Coast. Warm to colder and hazy weather in China.

State on the morning of the 22nd:—Colder, cloudy and hazy weather. East-north-easterly wind. Low and raising pressure.—Siccawei Observatory.

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(See top of page, right)

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Nantung	18.30	19.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	19.00	19.00
MONDAY, March 24.		
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Formosa via Keelung	*19.00	8.00
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Hongkong and Canton	x 15.30	16.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	18.30	20.00
TUESDAY, March 25.		
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	*20.00	7.15
Weihaiwei Chefoo and Tientsin	*20.00	8.00
Hongkong and Canton	*20.00	8.00
Swatow	*20.00	8.30
Nantung	14.30	15.00
Amoy Swatow and Canton	x 14.30	15.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
Japan (via Kobe) Honolulu U.S.A. Canada and Europe via Pacific	BX18.00	20.00

* The night before
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